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断罪篇
生誕祭の章　聖地の黒い剣士

OHHH...
ジャラ
*JANGLE
ジャラ
*JANGLE
LISTEN!
WE CAN'T TAKE THIS!
DON'T TALK THAT WAY, PLEASE, ACCEPT THESE.
GIVE THEM TO YOUR--
WHAT'S THE HARM? IT'D BE A PITY TO TURN THEM AWAY WHEN THEY'RE *GIVING* IT TO US.
PEPE!
PROFIT, PROFIT.
OH, FINE. I'LL TAKE 'EM THIS TIME...
...BUT YOU CAN'T DO THIS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITH PEOPLE WATCHING, UNDERSTAND? PLEASE LEAVE NOW.
ヒソ ヒソ
*FX: WHISPER

LUCA...
*KOFF
......
THIS MEANS TROUBLE...
BIG TROUBLE...
LUCA, WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?
IT'S SO SUDDEN... AND ISN'T ALL THIS STUFF TRIBUTE FOR ELAINE? I DON'T GET IT.
*FX: HOHOHOHOHO
WELL...
......
*FX: HEEHEEHEEHEE
*FX: POINK
AUUU...
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT SOON. FOR NOW, GO AND SHARE THE TRIBUTE.
OKAY... BUT WE CAN'T KEEP UP.
MORE COMES IN THAN WE CAN HANDLE.

?!
LUCA, WHAT WILL WE DO WITH HER...?
AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE TURNED IN EVENTUALLY.
チュポン!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE HUNTERS CATCH WIND.
AND THEN... THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
I...
I MEAN, *I'M*...
I'M REALLY...
NOW CALM DOWN, NINA.
I CAN'T!
EVEN BARRING THAT, IF JOACHIM'S BODY IS FOUND...
...THEN I...
I...

*FX: WHEWW

*FX: SSSPOP

*FX: HAHH HAHH

*FX: KOFF KOFF

NINA ...
LET'S DITCH HER.
JUST GET RID OF...
...THAT GIRL.
!
AGAIN, NINA?!
B-BUT IT'S CRAZY!!
IF WE GET ANY MORE INVOLVED WITH HER...
...IT'LL REALLY BE THE END OF US!
IT...IT'S ALL RIGHT. ELAINE CAN GET BY ON HER OWN. I MEAN, SHE'S REALLY... YOU KNOW... WE CAN JUST HAND HER OVER TO MY PEOPLE. I'M SURE THEY'LL TREAT HER WELL.
WE'VE LOOKED AFTER HER PLENTY ALREADY!!
WE'VE DONE WELL!! WE'VE DONE ENOUGH!!

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: IGH

*FX: CHEW

I WON'T DO THAT FOR ANYTHING.
I'LL NOT ABANDON SOMEONE.
NEITHER ELAINE...
...NOR *YOU.*
LUCA...
MAYBE I ***HAVE*** BEEN HIGH-HANDED AND CONDESCENDING, LIKE YOU SAID.
ポン
HAVING SAID THAT...
...I'M NOT VERY GOOD WHEN IT COMES TO ADMITTING MY OWN FAULTS...
ブチ
バラ
バラ
...AND HAVING RUN MY MOUTH ABOUT US SHARING A COMMON FATE, I DON'T CARE TO TAKE IT BACK.
THIS IS MY WAY OF HOLDING MYSELF TO IT AFTER SAYING SO...
...EVEN THOUGH IT'S CAUSED A LOT OF HARDSHIP.

*FX: SCATTER

*FX: PUP

IF I LOSE MY NERVE...
...I'LL END UP JUST LIKE THOSE I LOOKED DOWN UPON.
...
...
...
BUT THAT ASIDE, WE CAN'T JUST LET THINGS STAY LIKE THIS...
AND SHE'S TANGLED UP...
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, WE ALL NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF PLAN...
LUCA, TROUBLE !!
*FLING
WHAT'S WRONG, LUCIE?
IT'S PEPE ...!!
SHE-- THE HUNTERS...!!
!

NOOO! LET ME GO!!
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!!
SHUT UP!! THERE WAS AN INDICTMENT!!
YOU CAN SPEAK IN YOUR DEFENSE ALL YOU WANT AT YOUR TRIAL!!
PEPE ...
LOOK, SHE'S FROM LUCA'S...
YOU KNOW, LATELY THEY'VE BEEN ODDLY POPULAR.
MAYBE SOME OTHER PROSTITUTES GOT JEALOUS OF 'EM.
ギャー ギャー
*FX: AGGHHH
NO, NO, NOOO!! DEMON! FIEND!!
I'LL BE RAPED!! I'LL BE KILLED!! OH GOD!!
ズルズル…
*SHLLLF SHLLLF

I SWEAR ...
*KCHAK
COMMONERS ARE ALL THE SAME...
BE SILENT, GLOOMY WENCH!!
GUAHH!
*HYNN
*WHAPPA
YOU RABBLE DELIGHT IN NOTHING MORE THAN SMILING AT OTHERS' MISFORTUNES BEHIND THEIR BACKS, WHILE LOOKING DOWN ON ANYONE AND EVERYONE!!
WHEN CALAMITY BEFALLS YOU, YOU ALONE POSSESS PURE HEARTS AND CLEAN HANDS. YOU ACT LIKE CHILDREN, BELIEVING YOURSELVES FAULTLESS!!
*WHAP
YOU CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITHOUT REFLECTING UPON YOUR OWN SIN!!
*PASSSH
COWARDLY!!
SHAMELESS!!
DESPICABLE!!
YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN INSECTS!!
BEHOLD, EVIDENCE!!
A LARGE CROWD WATCHES...
...YET NOT ONE OF THEM VOLUNTEERS TO AID YOU!!
*WHAPPP
*HYNN

DON'T PRATTLE ON SO PROUDLY WHILE YOU...
...STRIKE AT SOMEONE FROM SUCH A SAFE PLACE.
LUCA ...!!
オオォ
LUCA ...!!
NOW SHE'S DONE IT!
OHO...
SO THERE *IS* ONE AMONG YOU WITH BACKBONE.
BUT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
IF YOU DEFEND HER, YOU'LL *BOTH* BE ARRESTED.
THAT'S HOW IT IS. WHATEVER WE SAY...
...YOU TRY TO SILENCE US WITH THREATS.

*FX: OHHH

YOU RATTLE YOUR SWORDS...
...JUDGING PEOPLE FROM UP IN THE TOWER.
HAVE YOU MISTAKEN YOURSELVES FOR *ANGELS* OR SOMETHING?
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY...
...GIRL?
THIS IS HOPELESS.
THE AIR MUST BE THIN UP THERE. IT'S MADE YOU DELIRIOUS.
ピク
ピク
ギリ
BITCH ...!!
PEPE ...!!
LUCA!!

*FX: SHPA

*FX: TWITCH TWITCH

*FX: WRING

*FX: VWIP
AWHA --?!
*FX: YANK
*GSHANNG
!
GH--
WHO WAS IT?!
WHO DARES TO TRIFLE...?!
*GCHAK
!

バタ バタ
*FLAP FLAP

Y...
YOU'RE THE--!!
B...
BLACK SWORDSMAN!!
*MURMUR MURMUR
BLACK... SWORDSMAN...?
*FX: GCHAK
HMHM... LUCKY ME...
TO THINK WE WOULD MEET AGAIN IN SUCH A PLACE...
THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD. YOU WON'T GET AWAY LIKE LAST TIME...
*FX: SNATCH

*YANK
GWAH!!!
CAPTAIN!!
HNNN!
*FX: SQUEEZE
GOING BY WHAT SHE SAID...
...YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES DOING THE WITCH HUNTING HERE.
*SQUEEZE
AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'VE ARRESTED...
...WAS THERE A WOMAN WITH A *BRAND* ON HER CHEST?
ANSWER ME.

BRAND ...?!
!
I-I DON' GNOH ...
おおおぉ!!
SCUM!!

*FX: KRNK

*ROHHH

*FX. BDADUMP BDADUMP

*HEAVE

*GSHINNG

*DMDMDMDMDMDM

H-HORSES AND MEN, RIGHT IN HALF...!!
A...
AMA-ZING.
AMA-ZIN'!!
*FX: WOHHHH
D-DON'T FALTER!!
SURROUND AND RESTRAIN HIM!!
*FX: REACH
*FX: CHAK
OKAY, LADIES. NOW'S THE TIME.
THE WAY YOU LIT INTO THAT GUY WAS SO COOL.
EHEHEH...
I THINK I'M IN LO-O-OVE.
WHO'S THE MONKEY?
THIS'S MY VILLA, DROPEY.
*TNK

*SHHT
しゅた
THAT ONE IN A FRENZY'S MY MAIN PAD, *FORTRESS OF IRON GUTS.*
I SHOULDA SAID THIS FIRST, BUT I'M PUCK, OWNER OF THEM BOTH.
I CAN SEE IT... SOMETHING WEIRD...
WHADDA YA MEAN, *"DROPEY"?* AND WHO SAID YOU LIVED HERE?
THIS IS HOLY GROUND?
WHAT A SICK JOKE.
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A *DUMP* TO ME.

SHE'S HERE SOMEWHERE ...
CASCA ...!!

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BIRTH CEREMONY
CHAPTER

STRAYING

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HAHH!
*DMDMDMDM
*DM
*WHOM

ドドオオン——ッ
*GDONNNG
W-WITH JUST FOUR SWINGS...
FOUR RIDERS RIGHT IN HALF...
SO EASILY WITH THAT MONSTER SWORD...
IT AIN'T HUMAN!
WOOOOOO...!
STOLEN
*OHHHHH
YOU'RE KIDDING ME.
...
!
THE PAIN'S FADING.
PLEASE DON'T MOVE NOW.
*MURMUR
*MURMUR
*MURMUR
C-CAPTAAAIN...
HNNN...
WH-WHAT IS HE?! THIS ISN'T LIKE THE LAST TIME AT ALL...!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY RIDERS I SEND IN, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CAPTURE HIM!!

HE'S A MONSTER...!!
*FX: SHMM
*FX: CLANG
WHO DID THAT?!
*GULP

WITHDRAW, WITHDRAW!! CLEAR THE WAY!!
REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS!!
TCH!
*KLAK
....
SO MUCH FOR ASKING UNDERLINGS.
ALL I CAN DO IS HEAD STRAIGHT THERE.
A WOMAN WITH A BRAND...
IS THAT...
...WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE?

Y...
F-FIRST LET ME THANK--
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT ...!!
YOU KNOW ABOUT HER ?!
HEY, GUTS, TONE IT DOWN.
OH?
IT'S THE SAME.
YOU HAVE WHAT...
...OUR ELAINE HAS.

*FX: OOZE

TELL ME.
WHERE IS SHE...?
WHERE'S *CASCA*...
...RIGHT NOW?!
CASCA ...?
THAT'S ELAINE.
......
ALL RIGHT.
THIS WAY.

*CHOK
カラコロ
*KRUNCH
......
*FX: PLOOP
ELAINE...
IF YOU REALLY ARE A WITCH...
...COULD YOU, YOU KNOW...
...SAVE LUCA AND THE OTHERS?
*FX: KRNCH KRNCH
AND IF SO, MAYBE ME TOO...?
コロコロ
*FX: PLOOP
......
GUESS NOT. NOT AFTER WHAT I SAID...
THEY SURE ARE TAKING A LONG TIME...

UNH...
UUH...
WHAT IF...
WHAT IF THEY WERE ARRESTED...? WHAT WOULD I DO...?
YEAH...
IF THAT HAPPENED ...
...AND THEN THE HUNTERS CAME HERE...
ドクン
*BADUMP
...IF ELAINE USED SOME WITCHCRAFT LIKE BEFORE...
...THERE'D BE NO WAY OUT.
I'LL BE KILLED.
FORGET BURNING AT THE STAKE.
THEY'D JUST CHOP OFF MY HEAD RIGHT THERE...
ドクン
*BADUMP
*SHMP
I HAVE TO RUN.

IF I DON'T GET AWAY FROM HERE QUICK...
...I'LL ...
*HAHH HAHH
UGH ...
ゴホ ゴホ
*FX: GUHUH GUHUH
*FX: PAT
ポン
DAAAU?
ELAINE ...
*RUFFLE
フサ フサ
LET'S DITCH HER.
WE'VE LOOKED AFTER HER PLENTY ALREADY!!
WE'VE DONE WELL!! WE'VE DONE ENOUGH!!
HNN...
ポロ
*WEEP
OOOO...
....
ポフ ポフ
*FX: POF POF

I...
I...
I REALLY...
WHY'S ALL THIS...?
ELAINE, YOU COME ALONG WITH ME.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE.
BESIDES...
...BEING BY YOURSELF...
...IS SCARY...
...AND LONELY.
CASCA...!!

IT FEELS LIKE DECADES HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN.
BROKEN AND HALTED...
ARE YOU STILL THE WAY YOU WERE?
...LIKE LAST TIME?
I MIGHT...
I MIGHT BE EVEN MORE THREATENING...
...TO YOU NOW THAN I WAS THEN.

BUT...
...THIS TIME...
THIS TIME...!!
SO, MISTER SWORDSMAN.
ELAINE... CASCA, WAS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU TO HER?
......
HEY!
WHA--?
NEVER MIND.
I THINK I KNOW.
S-SO, LADIES, ARE YOU P-P-P-PROSTITUTES?
I SENSE THAT RISQUÉ SURGE, Y'KNOW.
WHO'S THE MONKEY?

HERE.
ELAINE... NINA.
DON'T JUST STAND THERE. COME IN!
SHE'S ...
SHE'S HERE...
HUH?
NO ONE'S HERE.
EH?
*FLAP
H... HEY.
......

DON'T TELL ME THE HUNTERS...?
THERE'RE NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE, THOUGH.
NINA'S THINGS ARE THE ONLY ONES GONE.
I-I-I-IS THIS WHERE YOU...?
!
SHE *DIDN'T*...
CASCA...!!
OOO...

*FX. (excitement)

*FX: HAHH HAHH

*FX: KOFF KOFF

*FX: SLUMP

....
IT'S OKAY ...
LET'S GO.
!
WE HAVE COME TO GET YOU...
... SORCERESS.
OH HH...
YOU GUYS...

STILL, THOUGH ...
...EVEN IF WE SPLIT UP AND SEARCH...
...THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL FIND HER IN ALL THIS.
DRO
BUT DROPEY, WHY'RE YOU FOLLOWIN' GUTS, HELPIN' HIM FIND CASCA ?
HM HM HM...
WHY'RE *YOU* ON TOP OF MY HEAD?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT CASCA LOOKS LIKE, DO YA?
IT'D SUCK FOR YOU IF NOT FOR THE BANDAGES.
I SAW HER WITH MINDWAVES.
WHY DO THEY ALL SEEM SCARED A' YOU?
THEY'RE AWE-STRUCK.
HEH HEH HEH
STILL ...
MOMMY, LOOK...
SHHH!
WITH THIS MANY FOLKS AROUND, I'M *USUALLY* INVISIBLE.
SOMETHIN'S STRANGE, THOUGH.
IS SOMETHIN' WEIRD GOIN' ON...
...HERE...?
ANY-HOO...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT NO WITCH HUNT, BUT THEY'RE SCARED OUTTA THEIR WITS.
AND UGH... IS IT EVER GLOOMY!
*POK
THEY ALL RAN OFF, WITHOUT FIGHTIN' THE KUSHAN...
..AND THEN WANDERED INTO *THIS* PLACE.
ON TOP A' THAT, THEY'RE SCARED OF BEIN' RATTED ON...
THEY'RE ALL DYIN' OFF! MAKES ME SICK TO LOOK AT 'EM!

COMBAT'S ALWAYS BEEN A MAN'S BIGGEST CHANCE TO MAKE IT IN THE WORLD! AND YOU DON'T NEED FUNDS, JUST ONE OF THESE!
AND YOU'RE DIFFERENT, DROPEY?
COURSE I AM!!
SO YOU'RE GUTS' APPRENTICE?
WRONG!
IF ASKIN' TO BE TAUGHT...
...MEANS I GOTTA BOW MY HEAD TO SOMEONE, THEN...
THEN?
EVEN IF I HAVE TO SNEAK AROUND AND FOLLOW HIM, I'D BE MORE OF A MAN IF I STOLE HIS MOVES!!!
YOU REALLY *ARE* A THIEF.
YEAH, WELL, IF I DO A HUGE FAVOR FOR HIM HERE I WON'T NEED TO SNEAK AROUND.
IT'S GIVE AND TAKE.
SNEAK!
AND THEN IF HE DARES TELL ME NO, THAT'S WHEN I'LL TAKE THIS CASCA OR WHATEVER GIRL HOSTAGE...
TWO PEAS IN A POD...
*FX: CHINK
*FX: MHMHM
NOOOOO...
HNN?

AHHH...
PUT ME DOWN!
BINGO.
OHH!! NO MISTAKE, THAT'S A BANDAGED WOMAN!!
KIDNAPPERS?!
WHAT NOW?
IF I GO BACK TO TELL GUTS, I'LL LOSE SIGHT OF 'EM, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT OFF THAT MANY PEOPLE...
IT'S BEST NOT TO EVEN FIGHT ONE ENEMY.
コソ コソ コソ
I'LL SHADOW 'EM FOR NOW.
I'M GOOD AT THAT.
FIND HER?!
NO... NO TRACE.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A REFUGEE SLUM, IT'S A BIG ONE.
THAT ELF AND THE BOY STILL AREN'T BACK. LET'S WAIT FOR THEM FOR NOW.

*FX: SNEAK SNEAK SNEAK

I'M GOING TO MAKE THE ROUNDS AGAIN.
HEY, WAIT...

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ビュウウウウウウウ
*HYUUUUUU
ONCE AGAIN.
SHE ALWAYS STARES AT THE STAKES UNTIL THE FIRES BURN OUT.
YEAH.
IT'S AS IF SHE'S SPELLBOUND BY THE FLAMES.

I... I HAVE NEWS TO REPORT!!
......
!
THE HERETICS' HIDEOUT?!
AYE!
ALL FORCES, PREPARE TO MOVE!
ALL RIGHT!
*ZHA
THERE IS ONE MORE ITEM...
...
A SHORT TIME AGO, A UNIT CAME UNDER ATTACK IN THE SLUM DURING AN ARREST.
FOUR TROOPS LOST THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT.
THIS MAN SAYS HE WAS ONCE THEIR CAPTIVE, BUT ESCAPED AND RETURNED.
FROM HIS TONE, IT DOESN'T SOUND FALSE.

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE ASSAILANT WAS A SINGLE MAN, ALL IN BLACK, SWINGING A SWORD AS LONG AS HE WAS TALL.
ALL SOLDIERS AT THE SCENE CONFIRMED, "THAT'S THE BLACK SWORDSMAN"...
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...!!
IS THIS *TRUE?!*
AYE, SIR! I BELIEVE IT IS...
GRRNNN...
SURELY THIS IS DIVINE PROVIDENCE !!
THIS TIME HE WILL--
STAND DOWN.
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED FROM THE DUTY OF ARRESTING THE BLACK SWORDSMAN.
OUR FIRST PRIORITY NOW IS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INQUISITOR IN THE ERADICATION OF THE HERETICS.
BUT-- !!
DO NOT BLUR DUTY WITH PERSONAL BIAS!!
I MUST REQUEST THAT YOU LEAD US TO THE HIDEOUT.
GCHAK

ALL RIGHT ...
WE MOVE OUT SOON.
*GSHANG
....
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN.
*CLENCH
HE IS...
HE'S HERE IN ALBION...!!

HEHEH... "BINGO" IS RIGHT.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE BAD GUYS' HANGOUT.
EVERY-ONE!!
BUT WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOIN'?
IT'S A NAKED PARTY.
TONIGHT IS A HOLY NIGHT TO BE REMEMBERED!!

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THE STONE PILLAR DEIFIED IN THE *TOWER OF CONVICTION* IS NO LONGER POTENT NOR SIGNIFICANT!! IT HAS NO POWER TO MANIFEST EVEN A SINGLE MYSTERY. THE TOWER HAS INSTEAD BEEN REDUCED TO A VILE LODGE OF SWINE WHO USE SOPHISTRY IN AN ATTEMPT TO OPPRESS AND CONTROL US!!
BUT *WE* ARE AWARE!! AWARE OF THE ONE TRULY DESERVING OF REVERENCE!!
THE ONE POSSESSING POWER!!!
TONIGHT, THE HARBINGER OF THE PROMISED DAY...
THE HOLY SYMBOL DENOTED BY OUR MASTER...
IS THAT--?!

SO THAT'S HER.
IT'S CASCA!
OOO...
THE BLACK WITCH!
*ROHHH
OUR SORCERESS.

SHE IS EVIDENCE OF OUR BELIEF!!
A MIRACLE IN AND OF HERSELF !!
AND ON THIS AUSPICIOUS NIGHT...
*ZHA
...ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL SHALL BE GRANTED AN HONOR GREATER THAN SHE DESERVES.
NOOOOO!!
LET ME GOOO !!
IT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS WITH CASCA.
WHOA! WHOA! THIS LOOK BAD TO YOU?!
REJOICE, DAUGHTER NINA. BY THIS GREAT TASK YOU WILL EXPIATE YOUR CRIME OF TRYING TO STEAL HER AWAY FOR YOURSELF.
WE SHALL NOW CUT OUT HER HEART !!
IT SHALL BE AN OFFERING TO THE WITCH!!
*LOOM
AND AFTER, THE WITCH...

...SHALL MINGLE WITH OUR **GREAT GOAT** AND BECOME A TRUE MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY.
ビク
*FLINCH
TH...
THIS IS SOOOO WRONG!!
ウオオオ
*UWOHHH
GUWAHHH!!
オロオロ
オロオロ
WHADDA WE DO?! WHADDA WE DO?! WHADDA WE DO?!
EVEN IF I GO GET GUTS NOW, IT WON'T BE IN TIME!
*FX: GABBA GABBA
CLACK

HEY, PUCK.
YOU FLY AT FULL SPEED AND FIND GUTS.
I'LL BUY SOME TIME HERE.
ギュッ
*CLENCH
THIS'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF YOU BEIN' COMPETENT, BY THE BY.
USELESS KID.
PISS OFF, YOU!
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION!
I'VE GOT THE HIGH GROUND, Y'SEE.
?
ハァァァ
*FX: HAHHHH
YOU CAN'T ...
NO.
NO.

*NOOOOO
*WHACK

ギャアァァ
*GYAHHHH
?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
OH!
OH!
NOT BAD!
HOW D'YA LIKE ME NOW?
I DON'T LIKE USIN' SUCH A POOR MAN'S TECHNIQUE ANY MORE THAN I GOTTA, THOUGH.
IT'S TOO COMMON FOR SOMEONE WHO'S GONNA BE A BIG-TIME SWORDSMAN.
SMAP
BUT I'VE GOT NO CHOICE RIGHT NOW.
......
A THIEF ...
...WHO THROWS ...
... STONES.
......
OHH!! ISIDRO MEANS "STONE THIEF" ?!
WHADDA-YA KNOW!
I KNEW YOU'D SAY IT.
スウウウ…
*HHHHHH

HEY, ALL YOU LIMP-DICK CULTISTS!!
QUIT SCREWIN' AROUND IN THIS OL' WET, MUSTY HOLE!!
I'LL RAT ON ALL 'A YOU!!!
NOW, PUCK, GO!
ROGER!
THROW!! UNTIL YOUR IRON ARM GIVES OUT!!
*ZHOOOM
MAKE A BIG APPEAL TO MY MAN GUTS FOR ME!!
GRRR! DRAG HIM DOWN!!
WE'LL SACRIFICE HIM, TOO!!
GH...
GYAH!
*KRAK
*WHOCK

HEH! STUPID CHEESE DICKS CAN'T GET A THING DONE WITHOUT SWARMIN'!
YOU CAN ALL BE SACRIFICES TO MY AMBITION!
JIYA!
*FX: VSHH SHH
GAH!
*BAK
GYAB!
*GOCH
FOOLS! YOU'RE TAKIN' ME ON STARK NAKED?!
TALK ABOUT ONE BIG WEAK SPOT! AND YOUR REAL WEAK SPOT'S EXPOSED, TOO!
*DSSSH
TO TOP IT OFF, FROM HERE YOU'RE COMPLETELY VISIBLE, AND I'VE GOT TONS OF AMMO.
IN THE YEAR SINCE I RAN OFF FROM MY VILLAGE...
...I'VE WANDERED AIMLESSLY WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER THROUGH A KINGDOM FULL OF ROVIN' KUSHAN AND BANDITS.
I'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE TONS OF TIMES.

BUT IT WAS WORTH IT, SINCE NOW THERE'S THIS BIG CHANCE DANGLIN' IN FRONT OF ME.
NO WAY I'M NOT GONNA TAKE IT!!
IF I CAN GET THROUGH THIS...
...I CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO MY AMBITION!!
NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL WIN!!!
AND IF THINGS GO WELL, I MIGHT EVEN GET MY CHOICE FOR MY VERY FIRST.
PLEAZHE BE GHENTLE! WHEEEE!
NAH, MAYBE WITH ALL FIVE...
HMHMHM
*LURCH
EEEEEK
DJAOO!
*GOK
*DORAAAAH!
*SHM SHM SHM
*WHOCK
*BING
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHO THE HELL...?

ELAINE, NOW WE SHOULD ...
AU...
WHAT'S WRONG ?
OO...
*FX: VOMMMM
ゴオ、オオ

....
WHAT IS THAT...?
ELAINE.

HURRY !!
LIGHT IS FADING!!
DAMN IT, AREN'T WE KNIGHTS BECAUSE WE RIDE HORSES?
MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IN FULL ARMOR IS NO JOB FOR FRAIL ARISTOCRATS.
AGREED.
YOU THERE! IF YOU HAVE TIME TO CHATTER, MOVE YOUR LEGS!
MARCHING IS AN ARMY'S FOUNDATION!
HE'S LIVELY FOR HIS AGE.
AGREED.
I WANT TO END IT HERE...
THIS GRUESOME DUTY.

TH- THAT IS IT.
UNITS ONE THROUGH FOUR FOLLOW ME!!
THE REST DEPLOY AT THE CAVE MOUTH!! SEIZE THOSE WHO FLEE!!
RIGHT!
ALL FORCES, MOVE IN!!
RESTRAIN THEM!!
*FX WAHHHHH
ワァァァ・ァァ

HERETICS!! RESISTANCE WILL BE MET WITHOUT MERCY...
*FX: STAGGER
ヨロ
SH--
HN ...?
SHABE... MEH.
*FX: GSSSH
IGH!
AGGHHH!
!
WHA --?
WHAT THE--?!
バアア.ア.ア..
*HNAHHHH

TH-TH-TH-TH-TH...
THINGS JUST GOT A LOT WORSE !!

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*SHRRRIP
GYAAHHH!!

AIIIE!!
WHA--?!
WHAT ARE THEY...?
S-SAVE...
*FX: LUNGE
*FX: GACHING
*FX: HRNK HRNK
EYAGHHH!
*FX: KRAK KROK
*FX: KRAK
WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE...?!

YEE!
UAHHHH!!
*FX: WHOM
*FX. CHLOK
VICE-COMMANDER AZAN!!
*SHAK SHAK

HNN!
*VNN
AZAN, WHAT'S-- ?!
HRRNN!
*THUDD
I HEAR THE HERETICS USE VARIOUS DRUGS IN THEIR BIZARRE RITUALS!!
PERHAPS AMONG THEM ARE SOME THAT TRANSFORM MEN INTO BEASTS SUCH AS THESE?!
D-DRUGS. OF COURSE...
EXERCISE CAUTION! THEY SEEM TO POSSESS SEVERAL TIMES THE STRENGTH OF ORDINARY MEN!
DRUGS...
IS IT REALLY...?
THIS...
THIS FEELING...
...IS LIKE THAT TIME.

おあああっ
どらっ
*DORAHHH
MAX 160KM/H!
ガンッ
ゴッ
*GDONNG
*TWITCH TWITCH
ピク ピク
…
*SHAK SHAK SHAK
シャカ シャカ シャカ シャカ
YEEEE!
GROOOOSS!
ブラ ブラ
*SWING
きせんじゃねぇ
ブンッ
DON'T YOU WAVE THAT THING AT ME!
うぬぁ!
*URUAH
HEAD-SPLITTIN' MIRACLE THROW!
*BOMF
ボンッ!
YEAH!
*CLATA
ガラ
*CLATA
ガラ
*CLATA
ガラ ガラ。

WHAT THE HELL'S GOIN' ON, THOUGH?
THINGS GOT CRAZY ALL OF A SUDDEN.
"EARLIER, IT LOOKED LIKE THE SMOKE SWOOPED DOWN ON THEM LIKE IT WAS ALIVE."
"THEN SUDDENLY..."
...THE WITCH HUNTERS CAME BUSTIN' IN.
THIS COULD MEAN *BIG* TROUBLE...
NO, WAIT... ALL THAT COULD RUN INTERFERENCE WHILE I SNATCH THE GIRLS...
!
EEEEEEK!

YOU DAMN DEGENERATE!!
MY AMBITION...!
*DASH
NYAH!!
*ZOOP
*FX: TRIP
HAU!
HM!
WHOA!!
A-AM I GONNA DIE...?
*DUNNNG

*HAHH HAHH HAHH HAHH
ハ!ハ!ハ!ハ!
ドキドキドキ
E-E-
EGH...
OHHH...
I-I THOUGHT THAT WAS IT...
ボロボロボロ
*FX: DRIP DRIP DRIP
*FX: BATHUMP BATHUMP BATHUMP BATHUMP
'SUP?!
*WAVE
*WAVE
WHO'S THE MONKEY?
*FX: FLINCH
EEEEEK!
ビク
BRAHH!
*FX: SPRING
*ZOCK
JAOH!
すこっ
COME ON, GIRLS, LET'S RUN FOR IT!!
WHO ARE YOU...?
I'M ISIDRO! DETAILS CAN WAIT!
*FX: GOFF GOFF
UGH...
ゴホ ゴホ
THANKS...
*SLOUCH
前かがみ…
...
CRAP! WE CAN'T GET TO THE MOUTH THROUGH THAT HUGE MESS.
WHAT DO WE DO...?
*WRAHHHH
ワァァァァ

HN?
AH-HAHHH!
M-MAKE HASTE, PLEASE.
AH-AH-AHHH!!
!
QUICKLY!!
ARGH! LEAVE THAT THING HERE!!
TH-THE HORNS ARE CATCHING.
HM...?

チク
*FX CHIK
うわあああ
?!
*FX UWAHHHH
H-H-H-HELP MEEE...!!
SAY WHAT?
ガキィィン
IGH!
*GAKINNNG
ンエ゛エ゛エ゛エ
*NNEH-EH-EH-EH
WHA--?

LADY FARNESE!! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CAPTURE THESE PEOPLE ALIVE!!
ガキ
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER...
...TO WITHDRAW AND WAIT FOR THEM TO REGAIN THEIR RIGHT MINDS...
W-WELL SPOKEN.
AIIEEE!
A CHILD?
?

*FX: GRAK GRAK

WHY'S A CHILD IN A PLACE LIKE--
グシャァアァ
*CHANNNG
ドドォオオッ
*DGONNNG
ギョロ
*SHKK

UGH...
UWAHHHH!
*THOK
*SNAP
*VNN
ドサァァァ..
*THUDDD

*NNNEH-EH-EH-EH-EH
M-MONSTER ...!!
IT'S A REAL MONSTER ...!!
うわあああ
*UWAHHHHH
TH-THEN ARE THESE ALL REALLY--?!
あ
HNNN? WHAT IN...?!
ドクン
*BATHUMP
IT'S THE SAME...

THE SAME AS...
...THAT NIGHT.
ARE'NT YOU GUYS KNIGHTS?! STAND YOUR GROUND AND FIGHT, COWARDS!!
*FX: WAHHH WAHHH WAHHH
AH!
*FX: WHMP
AU...
*HNAHHHH
ELAINE!!
AHHHH...

WHEW... IT'S COLD. WHAT A TIME TO BE IN FULL ARMOR.
I COULD SURE USE A STRONG DRINK.
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S REALLY ROUGH INSIDE THERE...
WHAT'S WRONG, GUIDE? YOU'RE SO GLOOMY.
YOU FEEL GUILTY FOR SQUEALING?
SOMEONE YOU KNOW DOWN THERE?
WELL, IT'S JUST AS WELL.
THE WEAK HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF LIVING.
IT'S BETTER THAN ALWAYS BEING EATEN BY THE STRONG.
NOT THAT NOBLES LIKE ME SHOULD SAY IT... WE EAT SO MUCH.
......

*FX: PAT

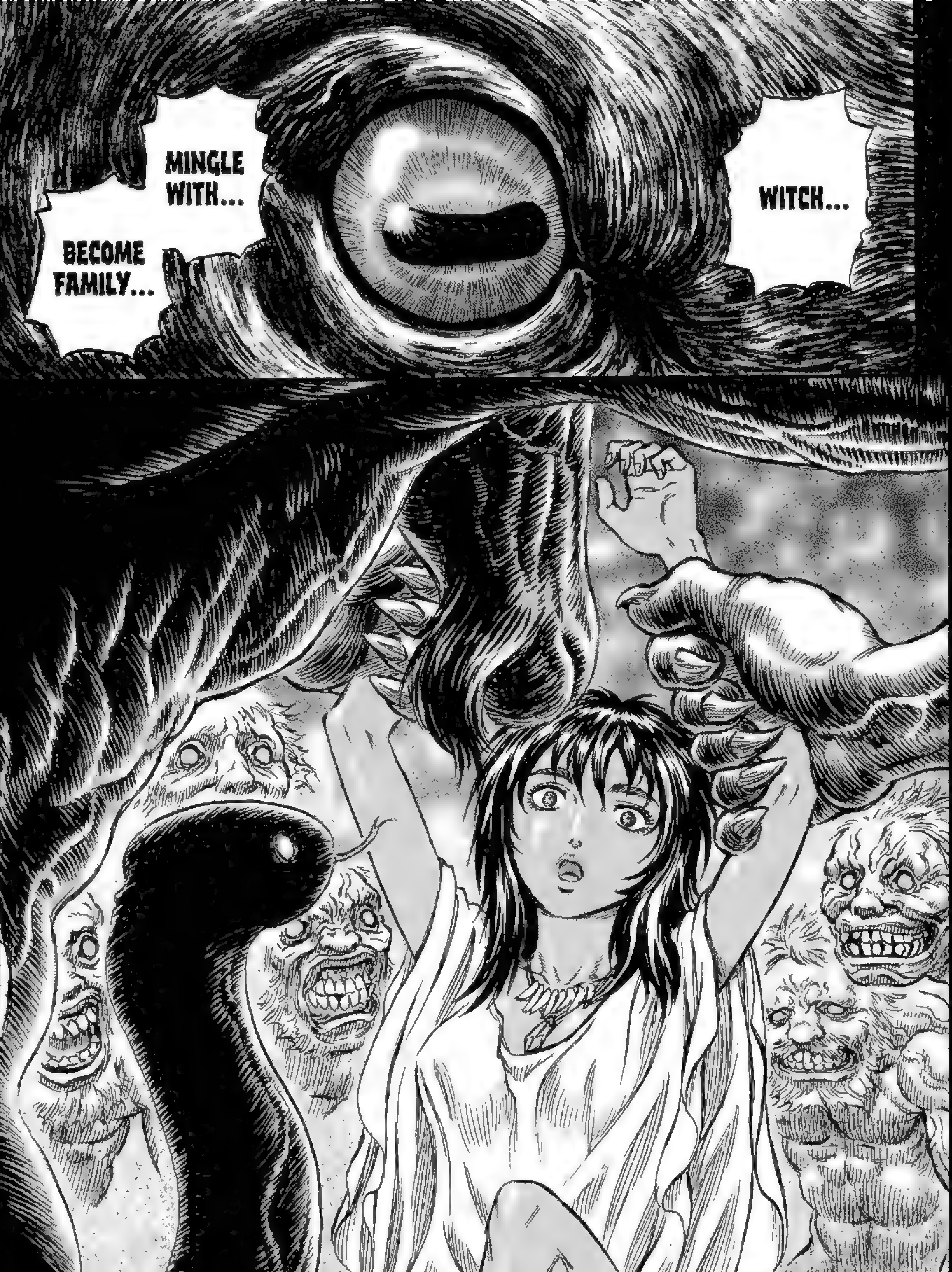
HEY.
YOU'LL CATCH COLD IF YOU FALL ASLEEP HERE.
UH... DID SOMETHING JUST PASS BY?
YOU STILL HALF ASLEEP?
MAYBE ...
H...
HEY, THAT'S --!!

*FX: HYNN

*FX: WHAM

*FX: FLUTTA

ガチ ガチ
*FX: CLACK CLACK
AHHH...
ガチガチ
*FX: CLACK CLACK
ELAINE!!
B- BASTARDS...!!
*FX FLINCH
ビクッ
ぬっ
*FX: LOOM
ベチャッ
*SHLOP
ビクッ
*LURCH


WITCH...
MINGLE WITH...
BECOME FAMILY...

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!
WHAT'S ...?!
*POP
*POP
*POP
*POP
AGH!
WHAT'S THIS LIGHT ...?!
*FLAPA
H-HEY, LOOK!
!
*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA
S... SOME-BODY STOP...
*ZHA ZHA ZHA

ジィィィ
*FX: JSSSS
ズ
*FX: ZZZ
ピク
*FX: TWITCH
AH!
AH!
ズズ…ズ…
*ZZZZZ
ピクッ
*TWITCH
ピクッ
*TWITCH
ズル…
*SLITH
ドクン
*BATHUMP

……
……!!
ビク、
*TWITCH
ビク、
*TWITCH
PUT THAT THING AWAY, YA HORNY GOAT!!

*FX: SWOMM
*GODONG

*FX: AGGHHHH

WOHHHH
IT... IT'S HIM!!
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN?!
LOOK!!
WHY IS HE HERE...?!
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...!!!
CLAT CLAT
ガク ガク
HAAAH
HA AH AH
...

WE'RE RUNNIN' FOR IT, ISIDRO.
*HAHH
*HAHH
WATCH AFTER THOSE TWO.
SURE, LEAVE IT TO ME.
W-WAIT, YOU!
...
AH ...
I FOUND A BACK DOOR.
*FX: HAHHH HEHHH HEHHH
YOU OWE ME-- WITH *INTEREST.*
WE'LL TALK AFTER WE GET OUT OF HERE.
*FX: HISSSS
OH.
YAHH?!
BUHAAA... I'M ZHOOOO DIRED! I MUSTA BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER...
WH- WHEN DID HE...?
*FX: FLINCH
*FX: SHUMP
I-IN ANY CASE, HE SEEMS TO BE OPPOSING THE HERETICS...
*FX: MUTTER MUTTER
BUT YOU SAW THAT SWORDPLAY, RIGHT?! IT WAS LIKE A WHIRLWIND, NOTHING LIKE BEFORE!
THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY MEAN HE'S OUR ALLY. DID YOU FORGET?! HE'S A FOE TO US!
SHALL WE CAPTURE HIM TOO, THEN?
......
THERE ISN'T ANY NEED...
*FX: CLENCH

THIS HAS ALREADY BECOME ALL-OUT COMBAT!!
KILL ALL WHO DO NOT SUBMIT AND SURRENDER!!
BUT LADY FARNESE ...!!
SILENCE!! STANDING HERE WILL ONLY LEAD TO INCREASED CASUALTIES!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? THEY ARE HERETICS!!
WE MUSTN'T QUAIL BEFORE THOSE WHO OPPOSE OUR GOD!!
*GSHANNNG
EVERYONE ADVANCE!!
ANNIHILATE THEM!!
*ROHHHH
FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, EH?
RELAXING
FORGET ABOUT THAT. LET'S GO.

*SHWOK
LEAD THE WAY, ISIDRO!
!!
UAH...!
LADY FARNESE!!
NO!! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE...
AHH...
MY, MY.

*FX: SHUNK

*FX: SHOVE

UP THERE.
*CHOK
*CHOK
*GINNNG
...
...
!!

*FLIP
*GLACK
*HHHH
*HHHH
WON'T GIVE.
WITCH ...
MINGLE WITH...
MINE ...
GUTS ...
GET BACK.
*FX: CLACK
*FX: SHIFT
*FX: KAK
*WHOM
*ZSSHAAAA

*KLADANG
*FX: SHMP SHMP
*FX: CLAK
GUTS ...!
AH, CRAP!!
*FX: ZSSH
*WHAM

*HRRN
GAFA!
*NNEH-EH
IF NOT FOR GODO'S ARMOR...
*FX: KOFF
...MY SPINE WOULD BE SMASHED.
...
TURN HIM INTA GOAT STEW!
ISIDRO.
GO ON AHEAD WITH THEM.
!
YEAH, BUT...

CASCA'S IN YOUR HANDS.
DON'T DIE. I'D LOSE MY PAYBACK.
TCH! FINE.
...
*FX: LEAP
LEAVE HER...
WAIT.
*BEH
*CHAK

*THNK
*THNK
*THNK
*THNK THNK THNK THNK
ダ
*WHK WHK WHK
ドカッ
*THWAK
DWAH!
*EH-EH-EH

I KEEP PASSIN' HER FROM ONE PERSON TO THE NEXT.
SINCE I SEE THERE'S A *PSEUDO-* APOSTLE LIKE YOU HERE...
...WHAT THAT GUY WAS SAYING MUST NOT HAVE BEEN JUST HOT AIR AFTER ALL.
*FX: HFFF HFFF
KILL...
KICK TO DEATH.
GORE TO DEATH.
BUT...
...PROPHECY OR WHATEVER...
*SHAK
...THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA LEAVE HER IN A HELLHOLE LIKE THIS.

THIS TIME FOR SURE.
I'M TAKIN' HER WITH ME.
URRF URRF
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*BA-EH-EH-EH
*FX: SHOOM
*FX: CLOPCLOPCLOPCLOP
*DRRRR

*THNK
*THNK
*THNK
*THNK
*THNK
TCH!
AT THIS RANGE ...!!
*LUNGE
*CLOP CLOP
*THNK THNK THNK
*CLOP CLOP
*CHOK
*VNN VNN
*ZHAA

*SHA
*CLOP
*LUNGE
*THNK THNK THNK
*FX: VWOMM
*FLAP
*CLAK
*CLACK
*FX: SHNK
*MEH-EH
GREAT. HE'S HOPPIN' ALL OVER THE PLACE...
I CAN'T STOP HIM WITH JUST ONE OR TWO HITS!!

IT'S WORTH A TRY.
HE'S GOTTA GET CLOSE...!!

*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP

*SHKT
*SSSSS
ONE ...
*SHOOM
TWO ...
THREE ...

*BACHOOM
*SHLAP
...!!

*FZSHAAA
ズザザザ
*NEH-EH-EH
*PLAP
ビチャ
*PLAP
ビチャ
BEH...
*WHAM

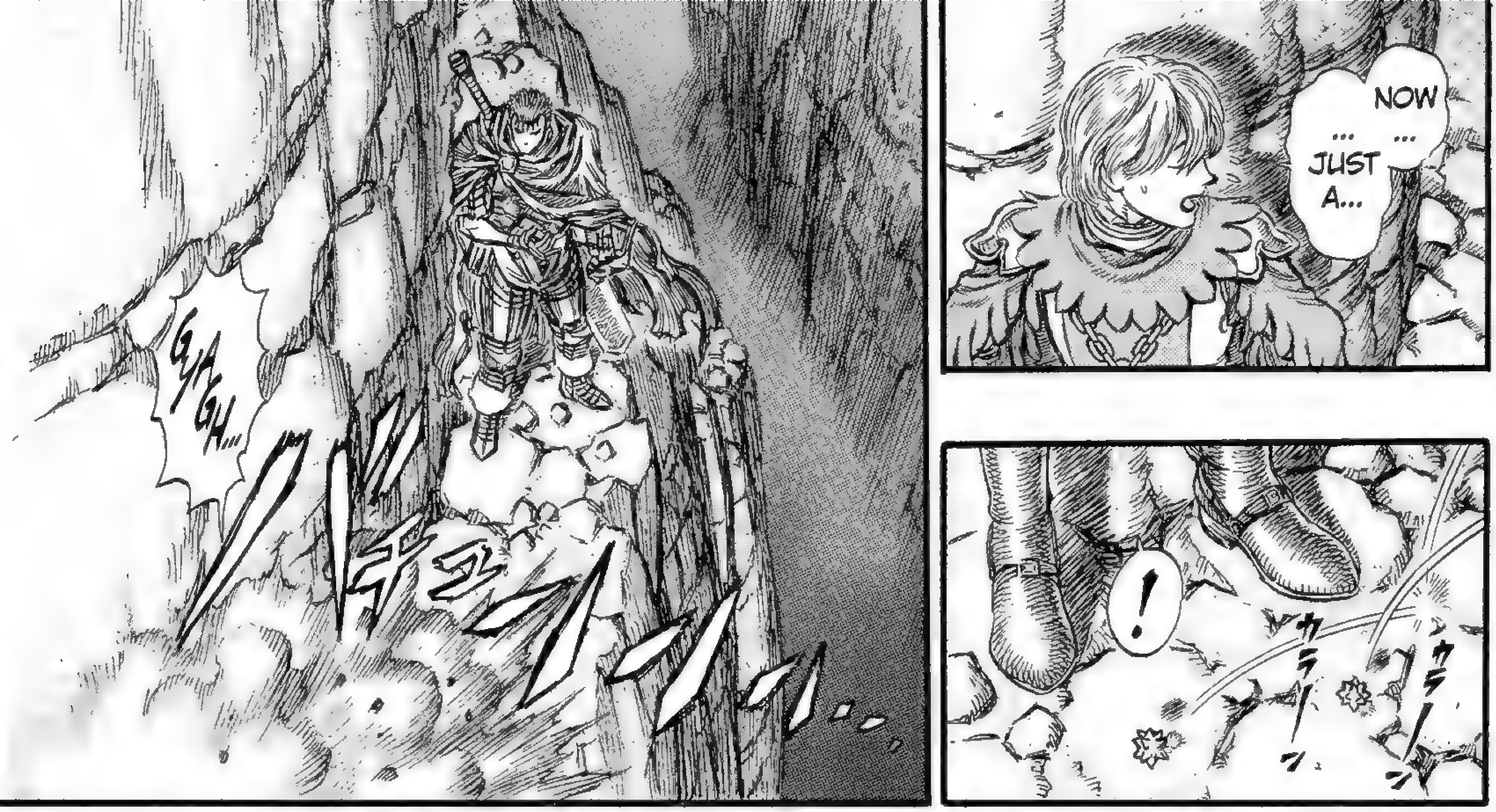
*THUNK
*GSSSH
グシャア。
EXPLOSIVES, EH?
*HUHH
*HUHH
THESE'LL COME IN HANDY.
A BIT LIKE MY CANNON.
ガチャ
*GCHAK
WHOOPS.
NO TIME TO WASTE.

AUGH...
LADY FARNESE!!
IT IS DANGEROUS FOR OUR LEADER TO EXPOSE HERSELF TO A MELEE LIKE THIS!! PLEASE FALL BACK TO THE CAVE MOUTH FOR NOW!!
B-BUT...!
ESCORT HER!!
AYE!
COME, LADY FARNESE!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON.
THIS WAY.
AZAN...!!
LEAVE THIS TO US!!

....
RELEASE ME!!
ACCOMPANY ME, HERALD!!
SERPICO!! WHERE ARE YOU?!
THIS'S ONE HELL OF A BACK DOOR.
ビュォォォ
!
I HOPE THEY DIDN'T FALL.

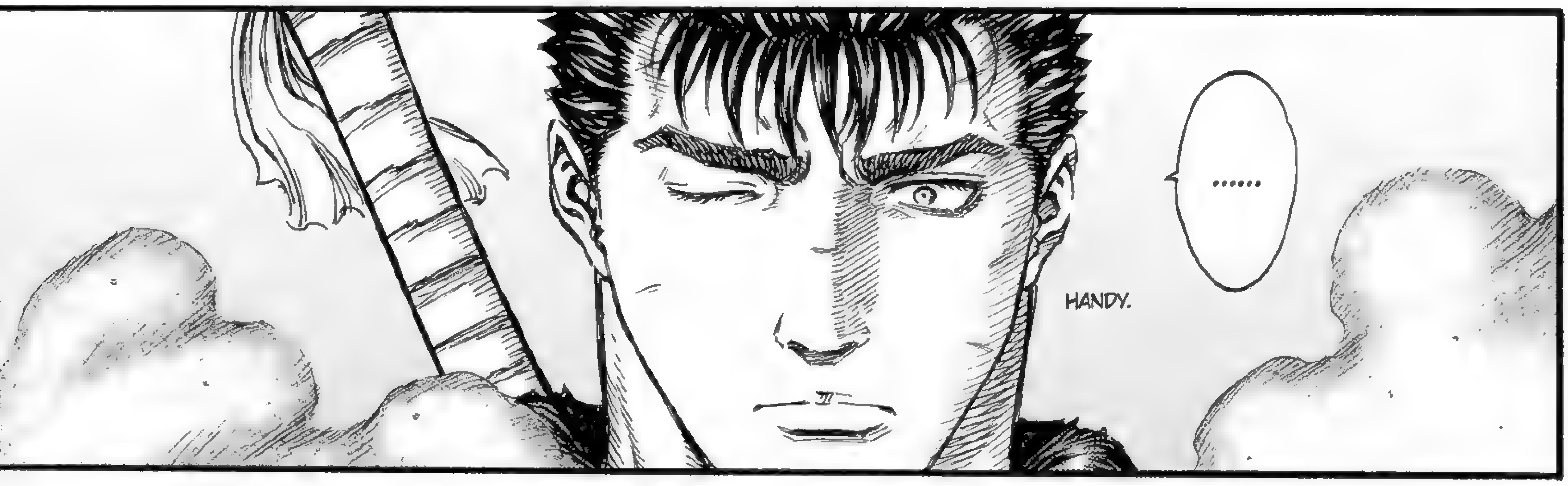
*FX: BYOOOO

*CLAT
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
...BLACK SWORDSMAN.
*CHAK
*FX DRRRR
WAHHH!
UH...

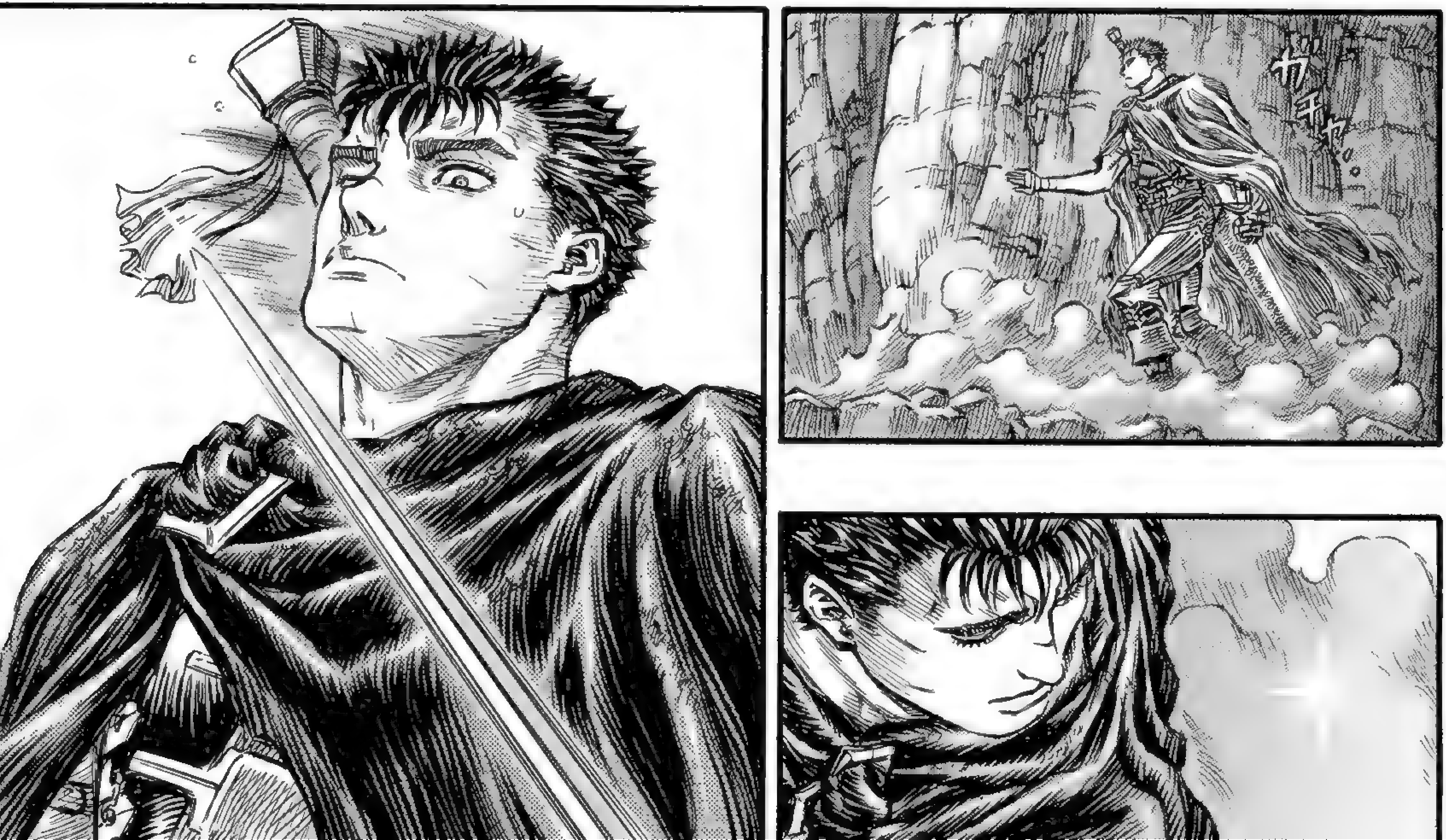

NOW
... ...
JUST A...
!
GYAGH...

*FX: BACHOOM

*FX: KLAK KLAK

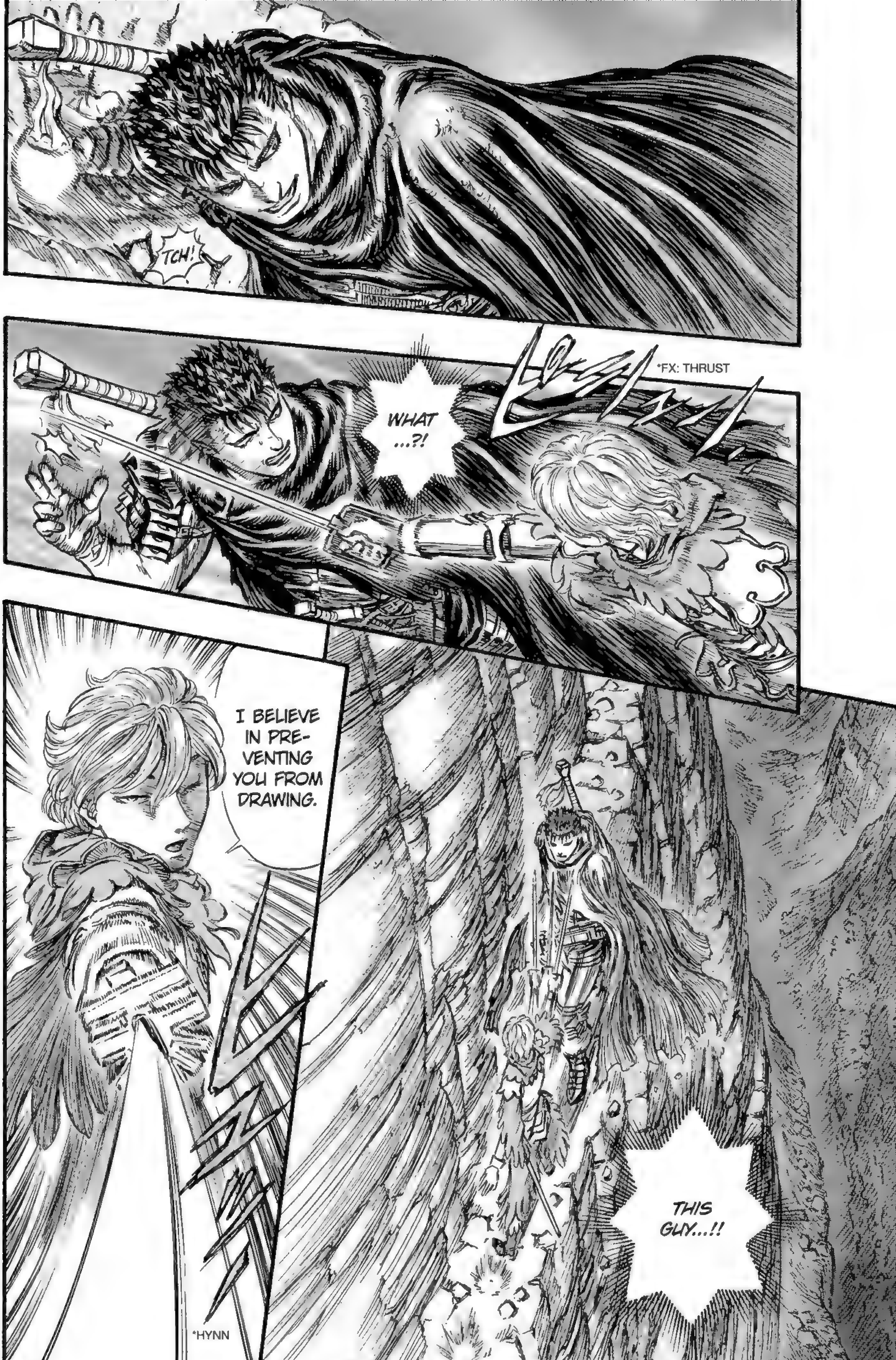


*FX: GCHAK



KHOFF
HOW CRUEL.
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
GUIDE
AU...
C-CAN'T TALK NOW.
WHUMP
CLATA CLATA
BIG BALLS MAKE FOR BIG FALLS, ISIDRO...
C-CUT ME SOME SLACK.
THEY CALL ME A MONKEY, Y'KNOW...

UH...
WHOAAA! THE PATH...!
WAS THAT OLD FART GONNA JUMP HIS WAY TO DELIVERANCE OR SOMETHIN'?
WHAT NOW, MONKEY?
LOOK AT THIS.
...
WELL, WELL.
SO LONG AS THIS'S HERE.
I-I CAN'T... I'VE BARELY MADE IT *THIS* FAR.
I CAN'T *DO* IT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU HANG TIGHT WHILE I LOWER YOU DOWN FROM ABOVE.
B-BUT...
THE PROBLEM IS THIS GIRL...
SO HIGH...
AGHH! I'M BEIN' SUCKED IN!
*FX: CHEW
*FX: TWITCH TWITCH
OR ELSE YOU BUNGIE.
WH-WHAT'S BUNGIE?
*SNAP
びしっ
YEE!
NO! I'LL DO IT.
!
*ZHA


TCH!
*FX: THRUST
WHAT ...?!
I BELIEVE IN PREVENTING YOU FROM DRAWING.
THIS GUY...!!
*HYNN

IN ANY CASE, I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL FOR YOU TO WIELD THAT SWORD HERE IF YOU *DID* DRAW IT.
POSITION, PHYSIQUE, TECHNIQUE, EQUIPMENT... ALL OF THEM WORK AGAINST YOU IN THIS PLACE.
...THAT'S WHY YOU WAITED HERE.
SO...
FURTHER-MORE...
...CONFRONTING YOU WITH SHEER NUMBERS IS THE HEIGHT OF FOLLY.
......

*CLANNG

*FX: KRRSH

ONCE YOU CUT DOWN TEN MEN WITH THAT SWORD...
...THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE TURNS.
ALLIES INFECTED WITH FEAR...
...ARE WORSE THAN ENEMIES.
THIS GUY'S A...
... SKILLED...
...FIGHTER!!
YOU ARE A BIT TOO DISTRESSING TO MISTRESS FARNESE.
YOU WILL DISAPPEAR.

TH ... THERE.
HRRNNN ふんぎぎ…
I'M BEGGIN' YOU, DON'T STRUGGLE...
CLATA CLATA パラパラ
AA AU...
GO AHEAD!
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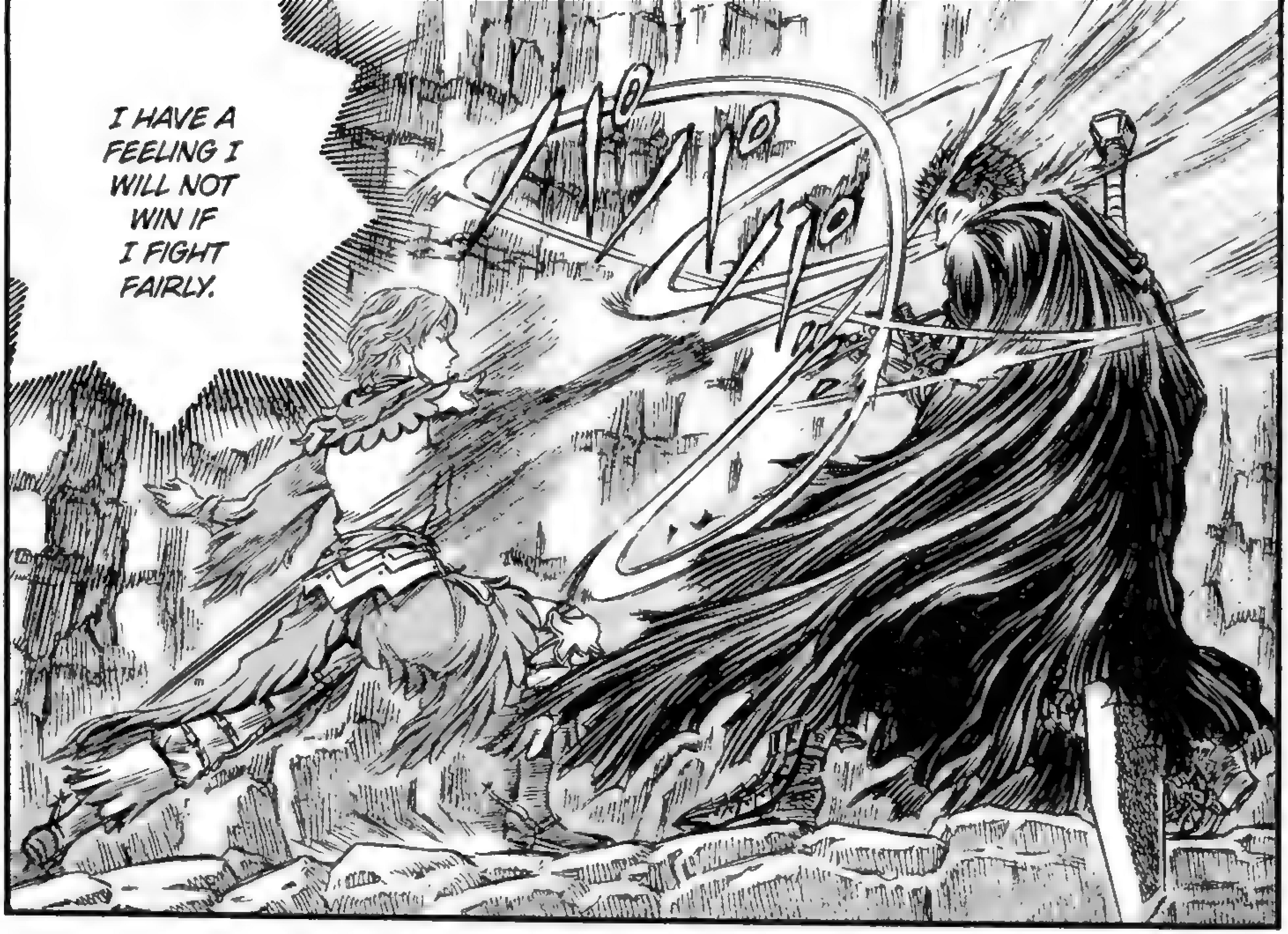
THE WESTERING SUN IN YOUR EYES...
PRECARIOUS FOOTING...
YOUR LARGE PHYSIQUE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT...
YOUR GOOD HAND AGAINST THE ROCK WALL...
ALL THESE LIMIT YOU.

*CLANNG
THIS GUY'S SOMETHIN'!!
HE WON'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE TO DRAW!!
*FX: SHM SHM SHM SHM
IT AIN'T JUST STRATEGY.
HE'S AN INCREDIBLE SWORDSMAN!!
HE KEEPS CHANGIN'! I CAN'T READ HIM!!
THIS IS A LOT HARDER THAN THAT PSEUDO-APOSTLE WAS!!
BUT I DON'T...
...HAVE TIME TO SCREW AROUND HERE...

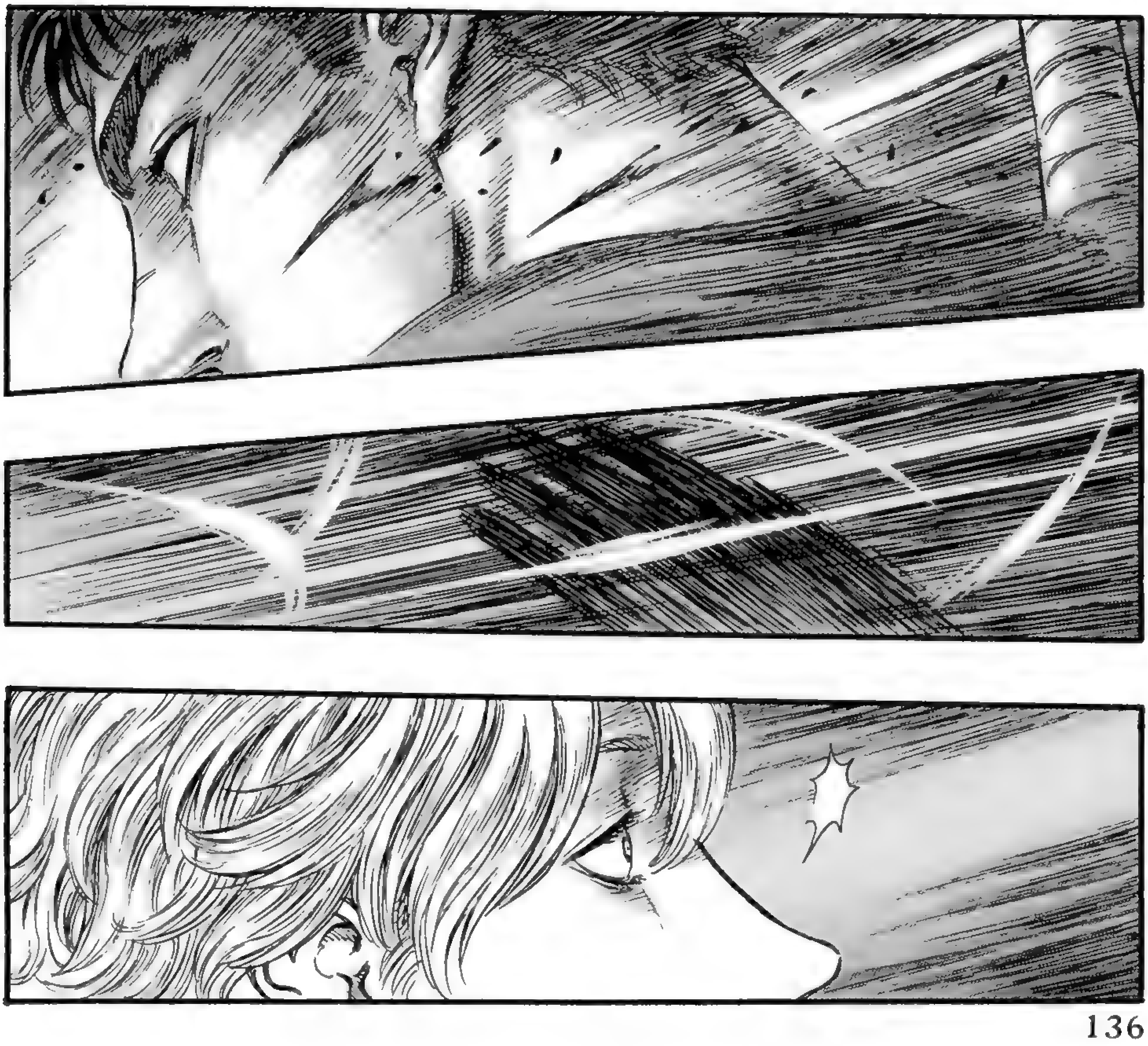
....
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE GIRLS?
!
I BELIEVE MY COMRADES HAVE SPREAD A NET UP AHEAD.
THEY SHOULD BE IN CUSTODY RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
KH...!
THAT WAS SUCH A LIE.
BUT I HAVE TO PROVOKE YOU FURTHER.

*FX: TOTTER

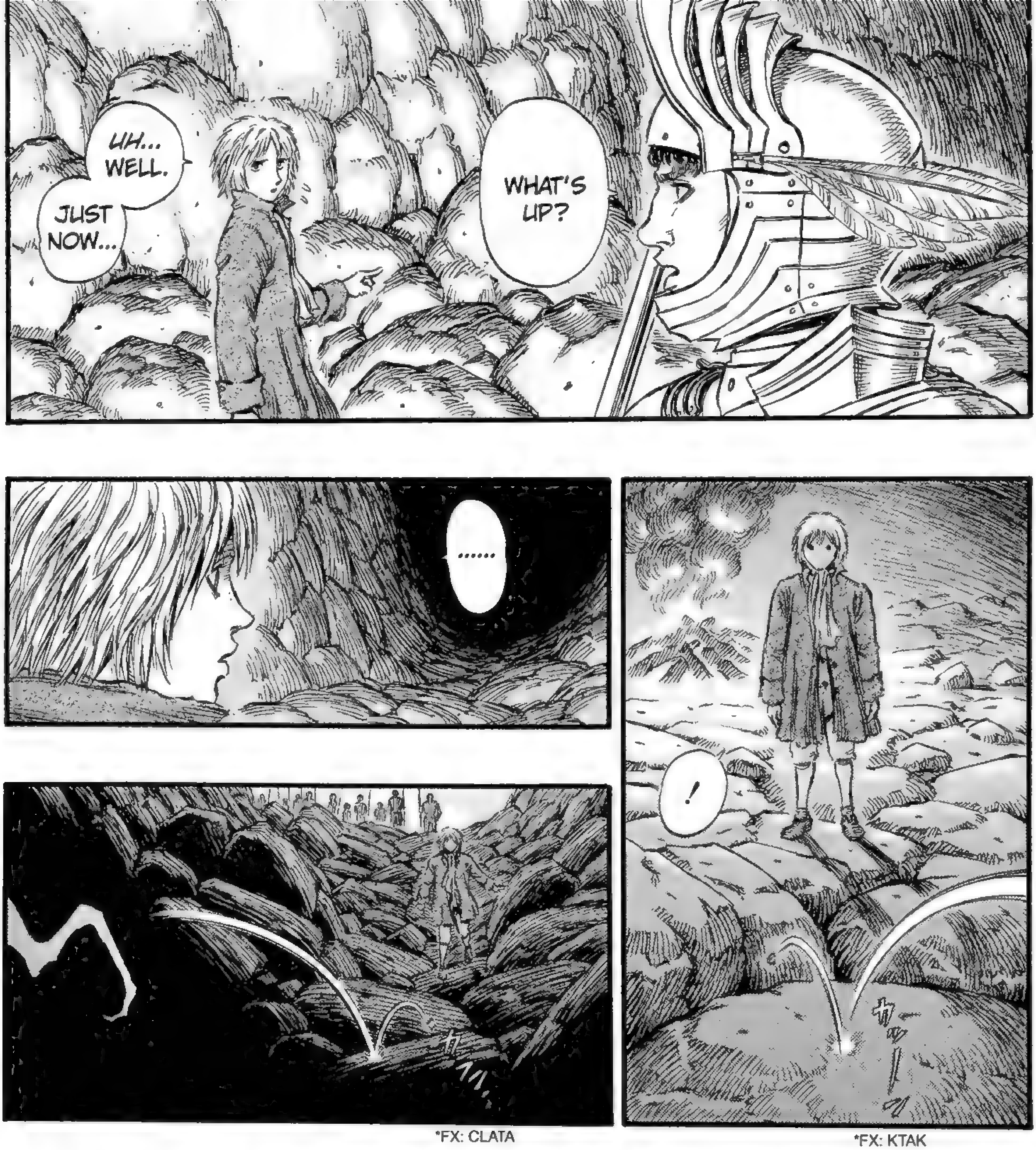
*FX: SHPA


I HAVE A FEELING I WILL NOT WIN IF I FIGHT FAIRLY.

*FX: SHM SHM SHM

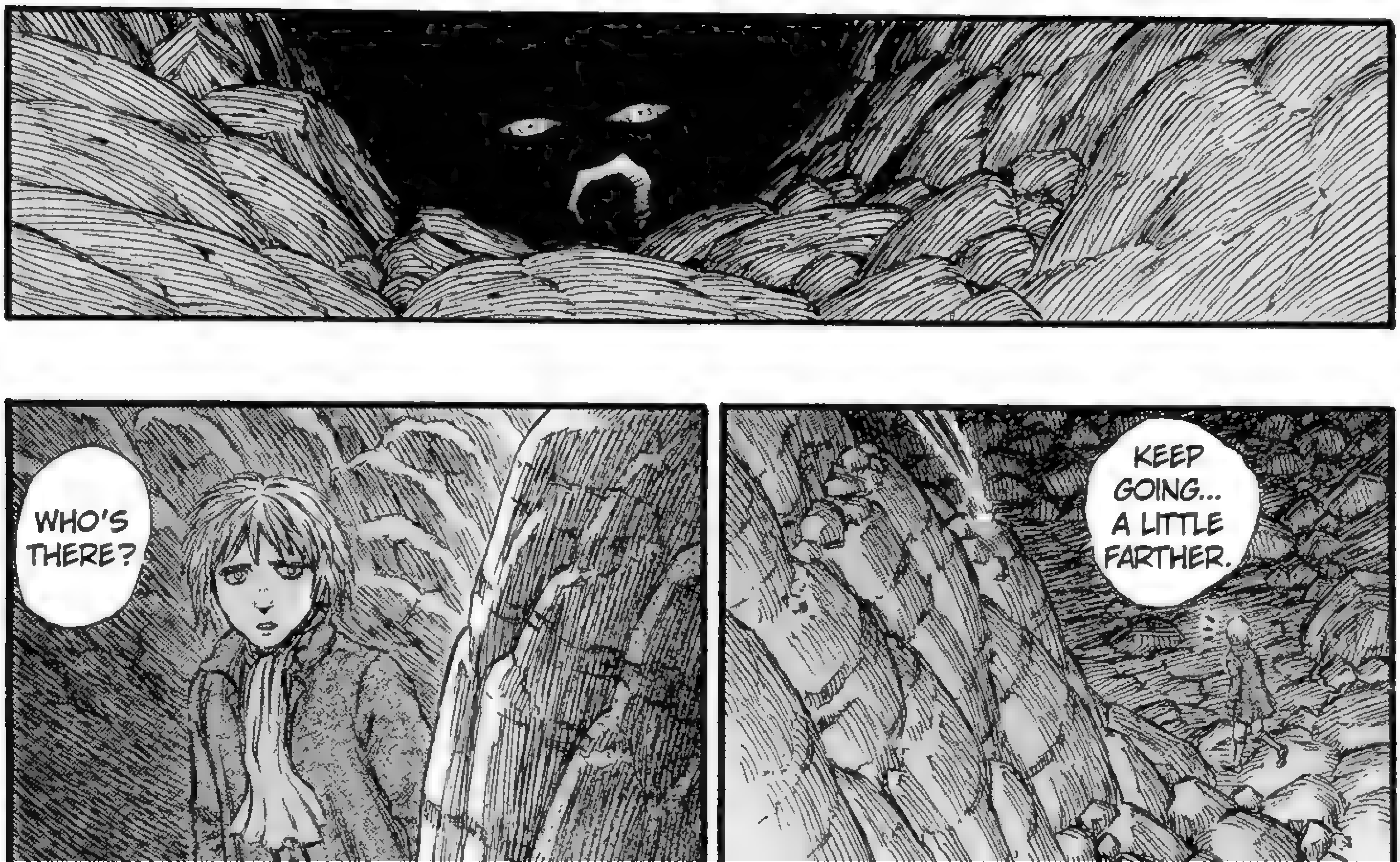


*SLAP
*SLAP
*SLAP
WITH *THIS* MANY TROOPS YOU COULDN'T SEIZE *ONE* BLACK SWORDSMAN?! YOU EVEN LET HIM INTO THE CAVE! FOR SHAME!!
I AM MOST SORRY. SOMEHOW WE WERE CAUGHT UNAWARES...
I'VE NO EAR FOR ***EXCUSES!!***
ORDER THREE MORE UNITS IN.
Y-YES, BUT THE VICE-COMMANDER SAID THAT REINFORCEMENTS WILL ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SITUATION...
I CARE NOT!! THIS IS YOUR COMMANDER'S ORDER!!
SHE'S REALLY OUT OF HAND... WHERE'D HER SHADOW GO?
HASN'T WORD OF SUPPRESSION COME FROM VICE-COMMANDER AZAN YET?
NAY! THE INTERIOR OF THE CAVE IS STILL IN A STATE OF CHAOS...
HUH?
*FX: HYNN
*FX: TOK


UH... WELL.
JUST NOW...
WHAT'S UP?
......
!

*FX: CLATA

*FX: KTAK


WHO'S THERE?
KEEP GOING... A LITTLE FARTHER.

EH... ?
JOA--
うわああ
*AGGHHHHH
あああ
?!
WHAT ?!
!
SHE'S BEEN SEEN?!

JOACHIM.
YOU'RE... ... ALIVE ...
AH ...
ダッ
H- *HERETIC!!* THERE'S A HERETIC AROUND THIS ROCK...!!
WHAT ?!
JOACHIM...
HEY, GIRL, RUN!!
IF YOU JUST STAND THERE, YOU'LL GET CAUGHT !!

*FX: BOLT

AHHH...
WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA-?!
*FX: SQUIRM
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', CASCA?!
WAHHH!
*FX: SHLLF
WHOA A A!
*FX: FWOOMP
*TUMP
*TUMP
*TUMP
*TUMP
UH...
......
AAAU...
*TMP TMP TMP

BAD NEWS, ISIDRO!
HNNGG...
......!!
グル グル
バイーン
ど
GOOOOOO!!
OH.
どらあああ
REPORTING!!
SUPPRESSION OF THE HERETICS IN THE CAVE IS NEARLY COMPLETE!!
GO ON... WALK!
WHAT OF THE BLACK SWORDSMAN?
AYE! IT'S NOT BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT I DID NOT SEE HIM AMONG THE CAPTIVES.
....

*FX: LEAP

*FX: WRAP WRAP

*FX: BOINNNG

*FX: DORAHHH

THAT GIRL...
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN PLUNGED IN TO SAVE HER...
...
...
WHA--?

A BLADE, BARE-HANDED...?!
WHAT REFLEXES!!
DON'T BE ABSURD...
ABSURD? NOT AT ALL.
*FX: CHAK
チャ
ARE YOU CERTAIN? IF I DRAW BACK THE SWORD NOW...
*HALT
ピタリ

WITH A BIT OF BRAWN AND REFLEXES...
...IT'S NOT NECESSARILY ABSURD.
*BACHING

*DRRRR
*POP
WHAT...?!

*BAGOOM
…
…
!!
!

I NEVER THOUGHT HE COULD DODGE IT. AND HE WAS CLEVER ENOUGH TO PICK MY POCKET AND USE A WEAPON HE'D ONLY SEEN ONCE.
BASTARD'S CUNNING...
LIKE A FOX.
I SHOULD REFRAIN FROM GETTING IN OVER MY HEAD.
I REALLY AM BECOMING...
...MORE SERIOUS THAN IS ORDINARILY MY STYLE...

*FX: WHRRRRLLL
ビュウウゥウゥウ…
......
SORRY.
*GRAB
ガッ

*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP

*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP

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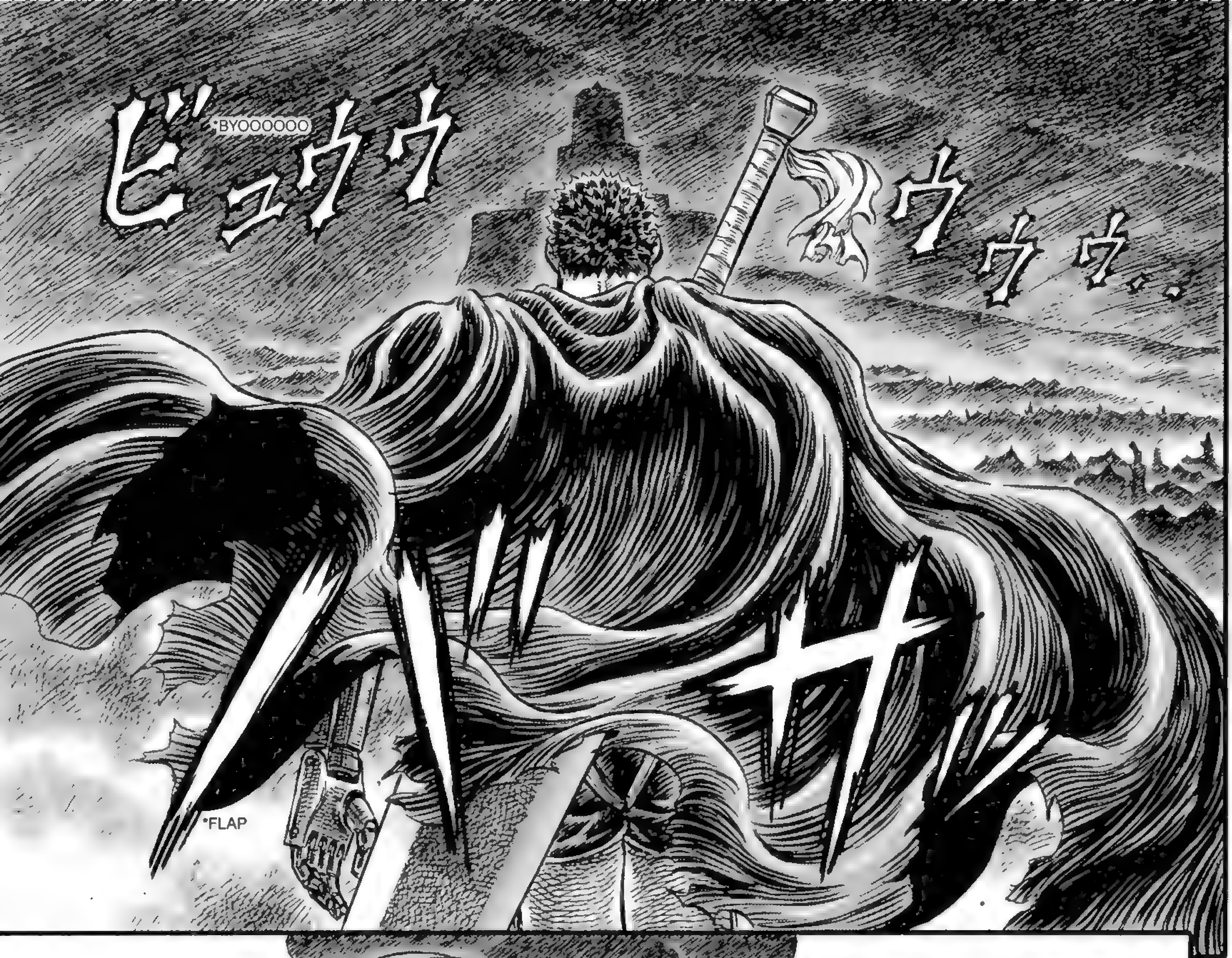
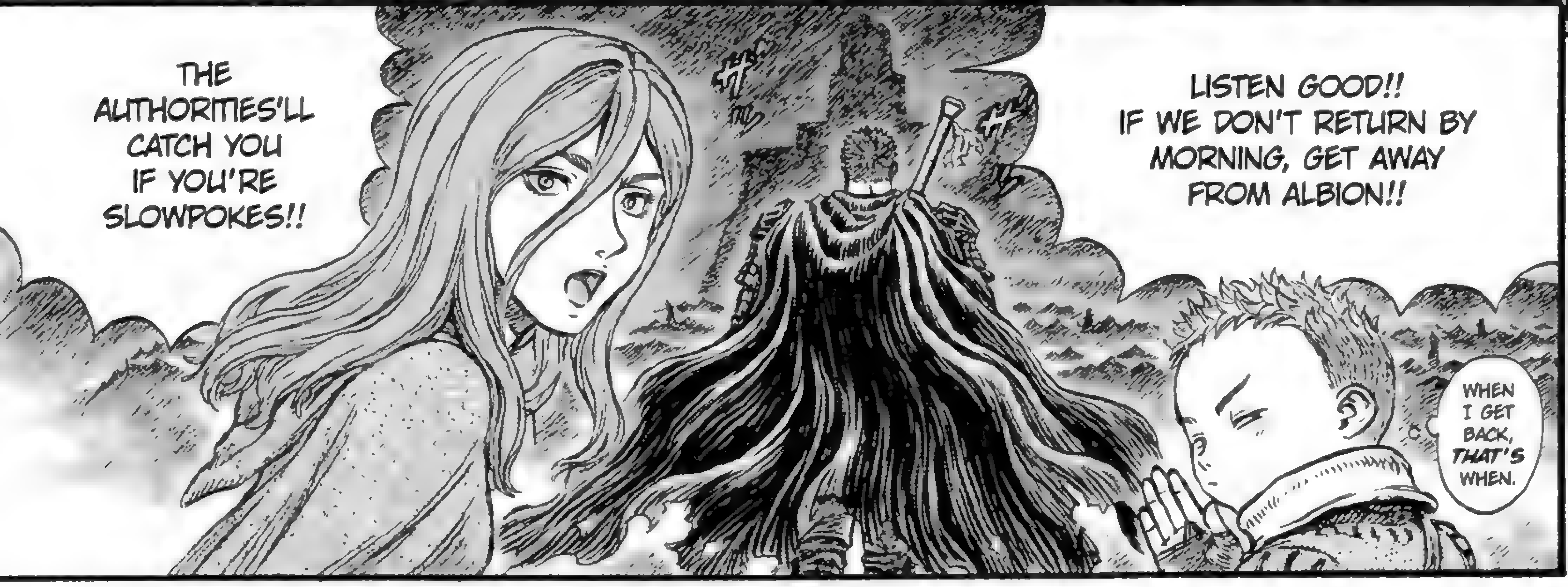
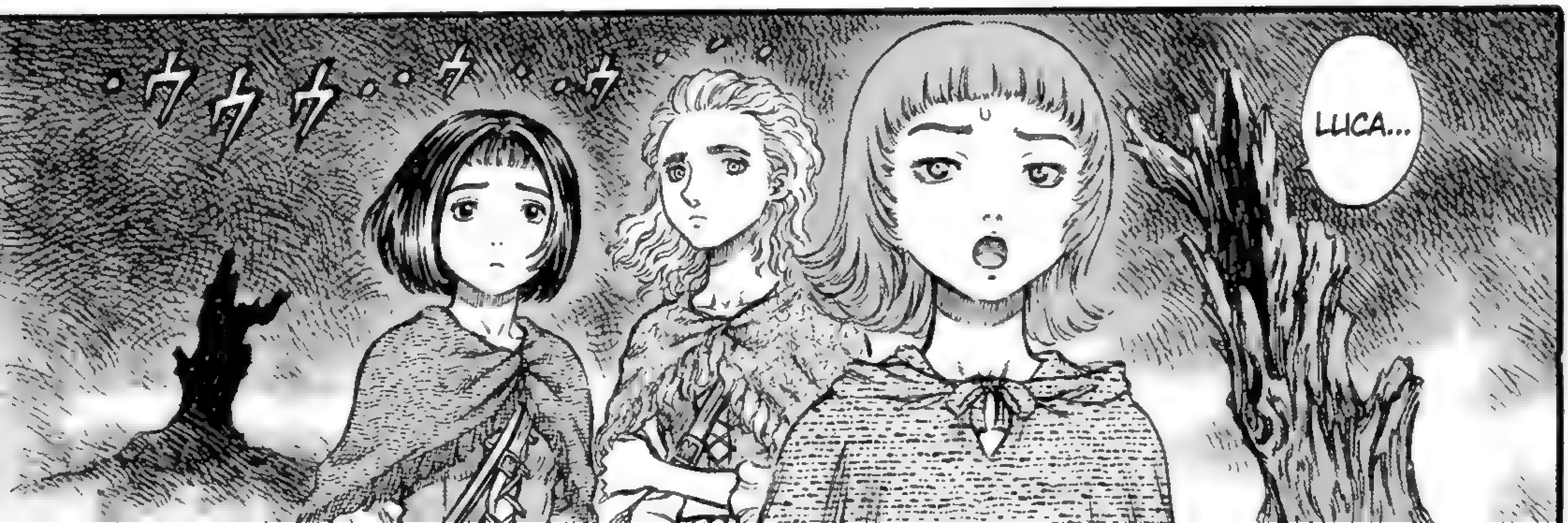

ビュウウ
*BYOOOOOO
ウウウ。。
バサッ
*FLAP


LISTEN GOOD!! IF WE DON'T RETURN BY MORNING, GET AWAY FROM ALBION!!
WHEN I GET BACK, *THAT'S* WHEN.
THE AUTHORITIES'LL CATCH YOU IF YOU'RE SLOWPOKES!!
ザッ
ザッ

*FX: ZHA ZHA

*FX: OOOOOO



*ZHA
*ZHA
YOU SHOULD GO BACK. I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR LIFE, AND YOU'LL BE IN MY WAY.
*ZHA
IS THAT SO?
YEAH, YEAH... THIS AIN'T WOMEN'S WORK, LUCA.
SAME GOES FOR YOU.
I'M GOIN' 'CAUSE I WANT TO. LAY OFF!
WE GOT A LATE START EARLIER, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS TIME.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ALONE WORRY ABOUT THOSE GIRLS, RIGHT?
BESIDES, I'VE GOT A BIT OF PULL IN THE MONASTERY. WITH ANY LUCK, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESCUE THEM WITHOUT ANY BLOODSHED.
I STILL AIN'T GIVEN UP ON YOU OWIN' ME A GIANT FAVOR.
I'LL MAKE UP FOR THAT BLUNDER.

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

*FX: HEHEHEH

DO WHAT YOU WANT...
WILL THIS WORK ...?
I HAVE NO IDEA!
PLEASE, LET THEM ALL COME BACK SAFELY.
UMMM...
I THINK WE CAN ONLY GIVE UP. THE INSIDE OF THAT TOWER IS CRAZY.
THIS IS BECAUSE LUCA IS SO STUBBORN...
SO HONEST IT'S STUPID!
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?!
IF LUCA AND THEM DON'T COME BACK, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I DON'T KNOW, STUPID!!

UMMM...
UNFORTUNATELY...
...THERE'S NO WAY FOR MAN TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THIS FESTIVAL.

WE ALREADY SUBSIST...
...WITHIN THE CURRENT OF CAUSALITY.

WHAT TO DO?
I LOST SIGHT OF 'EM.
SO MANY PEOPLE OBSCURIN' THEIR PRESENCE...
HN ?
WHOOPSIE!
WHAT IS IT ?
SOMETHING THERE ...
A BAT, RIGHT ?
SO THEY CAN SEE ME...EVEN IN SUCH A HUGE TEMPLE.
STILL, THOUGH... WHAT'S THIS STIFLIN' FEELIN'...?
A DEN OF THOSE APOSTLE MONSTERS? AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
THERE ARE PLENTY MORE MUDDLED THINGS...
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELIN'.
I'D BETTER FIND 'EM FAST.

ヒイイイイ・・・
*AIIEEE
オオオオ・・・・
アァァァ・・・
グガァァァ・・・
*HNGAHHH
ギャアアアアア・・・
*GYAHHHH
ウウウ・・・
*OOOOO
AHHHH...
ポフ
*POF
ポフ
*POF
SAVE ME, LUCA, SAVE MEEE...
ガチガチ
*CHATA CHATA

AREN'T YOU A WITCH, ELAINE? CAN'T YOU USE YOUR MAGIC TO GET US OUT OF HERE?
*BITE
*MNCH
......
*FX: TWIRL
COME ON, LISTEN!! IF WE DON'T SNEAK OUT QUICK, TERRIBLE THINGS WILL HAPPEN!
YOU'LL BE BURNED AT THE STAKE...!!
*FX: FWIT FWIT
OHHH, ENOUGH ALREADY!!
*SHOVE
ドサッ
*FX: THUD
AH...

I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!!
WH-WHATEVER!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!! NOTHING GOOD'S HAPPENED TO ME SINCE I MET YOU!! JUST BAD...!!
AREN'T *I* THE ONE WHO LOOKED AFTER YOU?!
SO WHY...?!
WHY...?
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE...?
OHHH...
OUU...
*HUG
SORRY...
THAT WAS A LIE...
I'M SORRY...
ELAINE...
...FORGIVE ME...

ビク
ガチャガチャ
*FX: FLINCH
*FX: GCHAK CHAK
ギイイイ
*GREEEE
ONE OF YOU, COME ON.
......
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH, JUST MOVE IT.
OH HH...
C'MERE, YOU.
AU...
グイ
*YANK
ELA--

I HAVE TO TELL THEM...
...TO WAIT...
NOT TO TAKE ELAINE.
BUT...
...THEN...
THEN I'LL BE...
AH...
......
NO, NOT YOU.
YOU, COME WITH US.
YOUR FRIEND'S BEING TAKEN AWAY...
...AND YOU DON'T SAY A THING.
I CAN'T STAND LOWLIFES WHO ONLY THINK OF THEMSELVES.
N...
NO...!!

W-
WAIT
!!
Y-YOU'RE WRONG, I...!!
GET OUT HERE.
ELAINE...
I...
I...!!
バタン
AH...
WHY...?!
IS IT MY FAULT ...?!
AM I IN THE WRONG ...?!
BUT I COULDN'T SAY IT.
I WAS SCARED...
GOFF
GOFF

*FX: BTAM

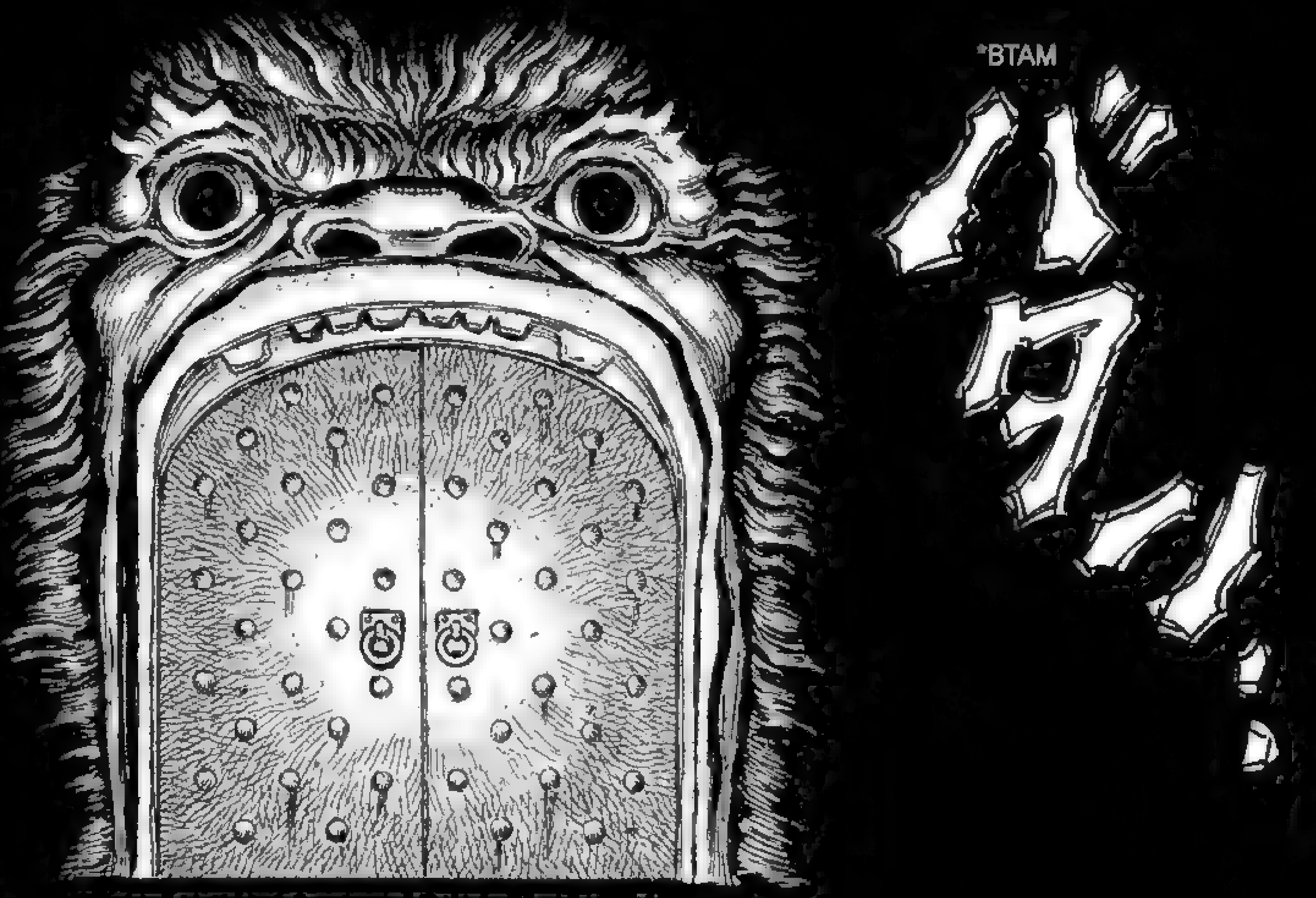
I WANTED TO ABANDON ELAINE, WHO KNOWS NOTHING ...
...AND SAVE MYSELF.
...I'M DISGUSTING.
WITH THIS BODY I MIGHT DIE SOON, ANYWAY.
NO... FOR THAT, ALL THE MORE...
THIS IS DIVINE PUNISHMENT...
YOUR FRIENDS CONFESSED THAT THE REVERED HEAD OF YOUR CULT IS A WOMAN.
EH ...?
WE'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO THE OTHER WOMEN. YOU'RE THE ONLY TWO LEFT.
ONE OF YOU IS A WITCH.
HE MEANS ELAINE !!
IF I TELL THEM EVERYTHING RIGHT AWAY...
...I MIGHT SURVIVE WITHOUT ANYTHING TERRIBLE HAPPENING ...

IF I TELL THEM...
IN THE END... **EVERYONE** THINKS ONLY OF THEMSELF...
IF I LOSE EVEN MY NERVE...
...I'LL END UP JUST LIKE THOSE I LOOKED DOWN UPON.
LUCA...

COURAGE...
JUST A LITTLE BIT WILL DO.
JUST A GRAIN OF YOUR COURAGE...

クラ・・
*FX: SWAY
UGAH!
ドサッ
*FX: WHMP
ジャアア
*FX: PSHHH
EEEE!! NOOO!!
COME ON... WALK.
ギャアアア
*FX: GYAHHH
ビクッ
*FX: FLINCH
GH!
ゴゴゴゴ
*BROARRR
アアアアア・・
*FX: AGHHHH
NO!

IMPOSSIBLE...
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME.
LUCA...



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THE IRON MAIDEN

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ORDERS TO RETURN TO THE HOLY SEE...?
BUT...
...WHY SO SUDDENLY, ABBOT?
IT IS A DIRECT NOTICE FROM THE HOLY SEE.
I BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE HERETICS ARE SUBJUGATED FOR NOW.
I *TOO* AM HONESTLY QUITE RELIEVED.
YOU HAVE PERFORMED WELL IN THIS LENGTHY DUTY.
REMNANTS MIGHT STILL BE LURKING! THE PUBLIC MIND IS UNSETTLED!
INTERROGATION AND EXECUTION OF SENTENCES WILL STILL REQUIRE SOME TIME. WHAT OF THE INQUISITOR'S PROTECTION DURING THAT PERIOD...?!
AH, DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT THAT POINT.
THIS ORDER TO RETURN WAS NOT ADDRESSED TO THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS, BUT TO *YOU* INDIVIDUALLY, MISS FARNESE.
!

THAT CAN'T BE!!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT AS COMMANDER I MUST ABANDON MY OWN FORCES?!
I WILL NOT ASSENT...
I *CANNOT* COMPLY!!
THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM ENTRUSTING THE REMAINDER OF PRACTICAL DUTIES TO VICE-COMMANDER AZAN.
...!!
MISS FARNESE...
I HAVE HEARD THIS PAPAL EDICT COMES THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF THE VANDIMION FAMILY... OF YOUR FATHER.
......
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND.
THOUGH THIS BE A SACRED DUTY, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND...
...THE FEELINGS OF YOUR FATHER IN NOT WANTING TO SEE YOU, A WOMAN, DETAINED IN THIS GRUESOME PLACE.

THE MAJORITY OF PROVISIONS OF AID FOR THESE REFUGEES ARE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE VANDIMION FAMILY.
!
I AM...
PLEASE ...
UNDERSTAND.
PLEASE.
PLEASE WAIT, LADY FARNESE!
LADY FARNESE!

OUCH ...
?
?
*FX: WHAP
YOU SNITCHED ON ME...
...TO FATHER.
EH... ?
OH, I KNOW.
YOU'RE REPORTING MY ACTIONS IN DETAIL TO THE FAMILY.
I'LL BET YOU DECLARED THAT I GLEEFULLY ROUND UP HERETICS TO BURN AT THE STAKE, RIGHT?
NEVER.

FATHER'S ORDERS ?
I'M CERTAIN, HE'S SO DISPOSED TO WORRYING.
......
YOU CAN'T DISOBEY THE FAMILY HEAD EITHER.
INDEED.
BUT DON'T YOU FORGET ...
...I AM YOUR MASTER.
YOU HAVE SWORN YOUR SWORD TO ME.
I ALONE AM YOUR MASTER.

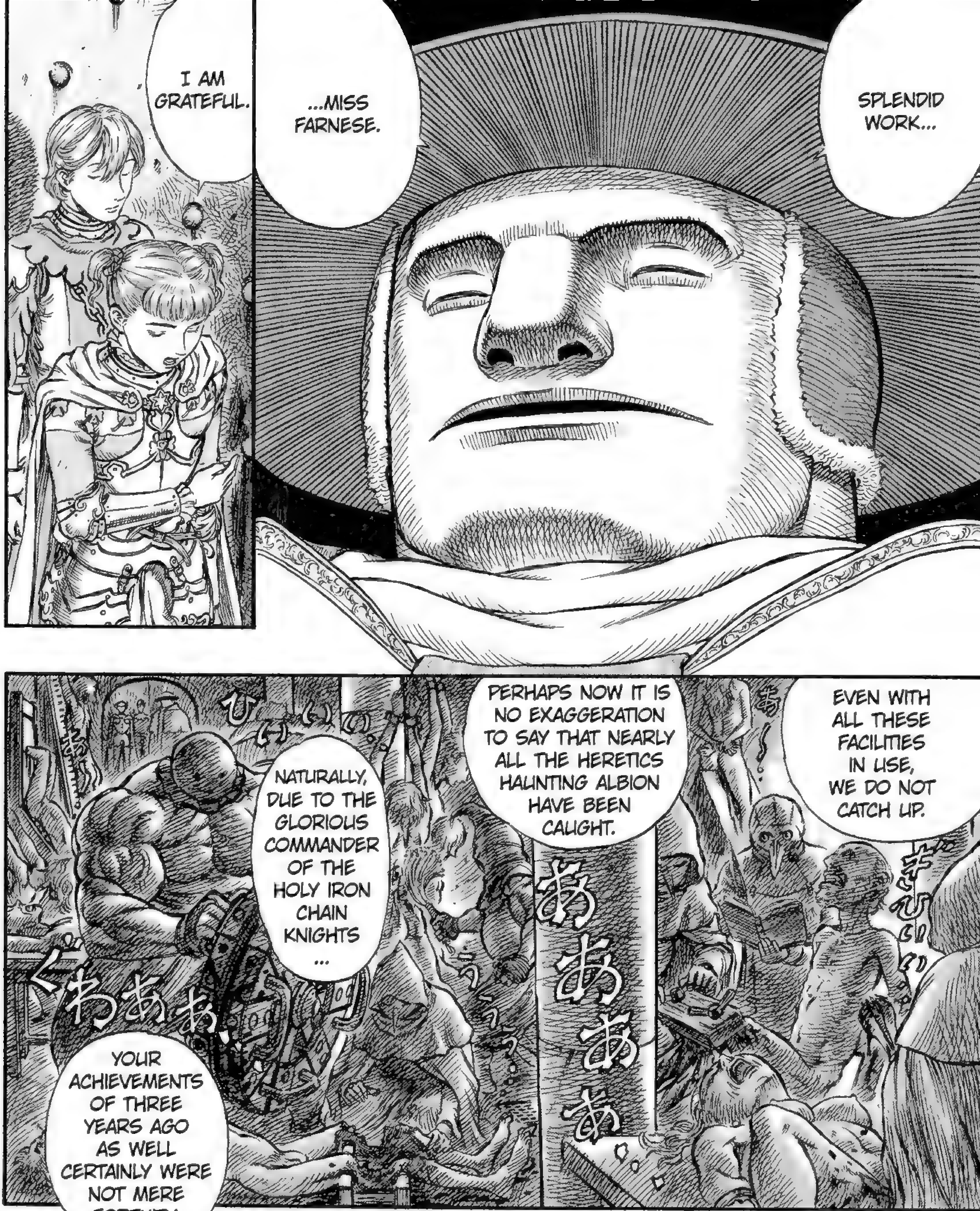
YES, MA'AM ...
....
DO YOU...
...HATE ME...?
....
TO TALK OF HATE...
......
FINE.
FORGET IT.
KEEP WALKIN'.
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS MISERABLE AS YOU.
YOU DISCLOSED EVERYTHING BEFORE WE COULD EVEN RIP OFF ONE FINGERNAIL.
*EGH
*EGH
I-I'M SORRY...
THIS IS YOUR LAST NIGHT, BOUGHT WITH THE BLOOD OF YOUR FRIEND.
SAVOR IT.
AH'M ZHORRY.
AH'M ZHORRY.
PLEAZHE FERGIBE ME...
......
DON'T APOLOGIZE. IT'S DE-PRESSING.
AH-AH'M ZHORRY.

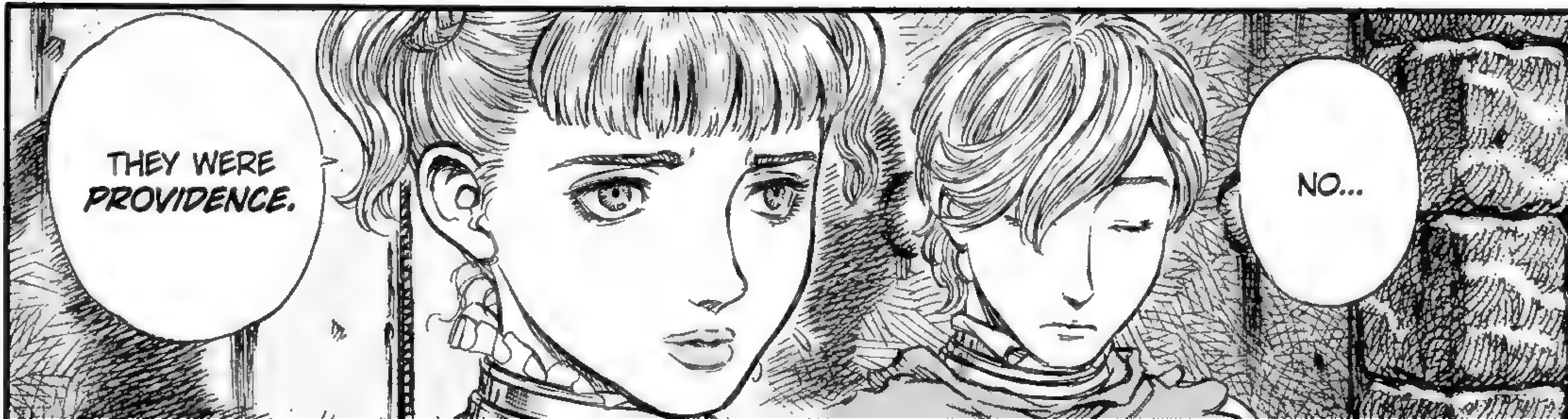
*FX: IGH-ICK

*FX: ENGH

*FX: UWEHHH


SPLENDID WORK...
...MISS FARNESE.
I AM GRATEFUL.
EVEN WITH ALL THESE FACILITIES IN USE, WE DO NOT CATCH UP.
PERHAPS NOW IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT NEARLY ALL THE HERETICS HAUNTING ALBION HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.
NATURALLY, DUE TO THE GLORIOUS COMMANDER OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS...
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THREE YEARS AGO AS WELL CERTAINLY WERE NOT MERE FORTUITY.

*FX: GWAHHHH AGGHHH HYEEE OOOOO AGGHHH AGGHH KHEEE


NO...
THEY WERE *PROVIDENCE.*

REGARDING CASUALTIES SUFFERED DURING THIS TASK...
...I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO GIVE ACCOMMODATION TO YOU AT THE HOLY SEE.
AGAIN YOU BRING ME GREAT JOY.
NO, IT IS NOTHING...
......
FATHER MOZGUS, UM...
YES?
OH, MISS FARNESE. ACCORDING TO YOUR REPORT...
...WHILE RAIDING THE HERETICS' HIDEAWAY...
...YOU WERE MET BY A NUMBER OF MONSTERS.
AYE!
THE HERETICS INSIDE THE CAVE WERE REPLETE WITH SOME KIND OF SUSPICIOUS DRUG OR CEREMONIAL INCENSE.
MAYBE THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED.
PERHAPS THE MONSTERS WERE A MASS HALLUCINATION CAUSED BY IT...
THOSE THINGS CAN'T EXIST...
ALSO WITHIN YOUR REPORT...
...YOU MENTIONED THAT THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...
...WHO YOU ONCE PURSUED, APPEARED THERE...

YES, FATHER...
......
HMM... BUT, WHY?
PERHAPS HE BEARS SOME ENMITY AGAINST THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS?
*FX: GREEEEE
ギィイイ
AU...
*SQUEEZE
パッ
S... STOP IT...
H... HEY,
パク
*CHOMP
THIS GIRL...

IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT HER?
YES, FATHER ...
WHEN THE BLACK SWORDSMAN APPEARED ...
...IT SEEMED TO ME HE WAS TRYING TO RESCUE HER...
I HAVE A REPORT.
ACCORDING TO THE CONFESSIONS OF THE HERETICS, THAT GIRL SEEMS TO BE THEIR SORCERESS...
...OR PERHAPS SOME ICON THEIR FAITH WORSHIPS, OF THAT SORT.
PLEASE SAVE MEEE...
MISTRESS WITCH ...
AS YOU CAN HEAR, THEY ALL PLEAD FOR HER TO SAVE THEM.
MISTRESS WITCH ...
THE HERETICS' SORCERESS ...
... CONNECTED WITH THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...
HM...

ぬっ
*LOOM
ビクッ
*FLINCH
ガシッ
*GRAB
びりぃぃっ
*RRRIP
SURELY, THE MARK OF A WITCH.

IT WOULD SEEM THERE IS NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS GIRL IN SPECIAL DETAIL.
バカ…
*FX BOK
*TWITCH
ビクッ
AHHHH...
*TWITCH
ビクッ
*WHOP

IF THE SCREAMS'RE GETTIN' LOUDER...
...THE TORTURE CHAMBER MUST BE THIS WAY.
MAYBE CASCA'S THERE, TOO...
I'VE GOTTA HURRY!!
THAT'S IT.
*FX: HYNN
!
CAS--

*GREEEE
ギィィィ…
AHHHH...
OHHHH...
AU...
OOO!
MISTRESS WITCH!!
CASCAA!
*SHYNN
ゴゴ
ゴロ
*KRONNN

ポッ。
*PLIP
ポタ
*DRIP
ポタ・
*DRIP
ポタ・
*DRIP
バァァァ・ア・ア・ア・
*BHAAHHHH

BRANNNG

?!
ドドオオン
*BDOOOM
ABWA!
GBO!
HNN...
WH-WHAT?!
*FX. PLAP PLAP
WHA--?
WHAT IS THIS?!

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BLOOD FLOW OF THE DEAD,
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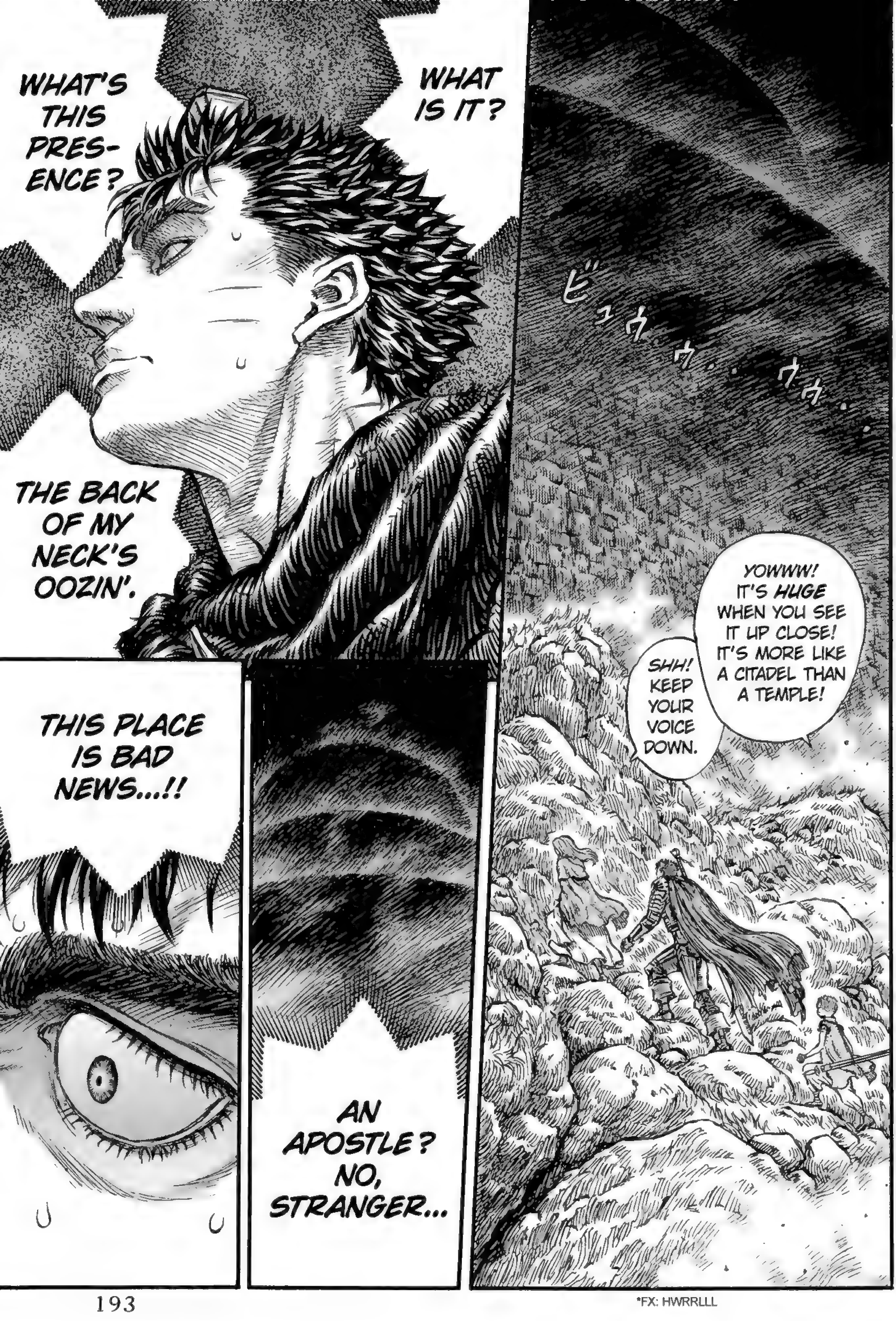
ビュウウ…ウウ…
YOWWW! IT'S *HUGE* WHEN YOU SEE IT UP CLOSE! IT'S MORE LIKE A CITADEL THAN A TEMPLE!
SHH! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN.
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S THIS PRESENCE?
THE BACK OF MY NECK'S OOZIN'.
AN APOSTLE? NO, STRANGER...
THIS PLACE IS BAD NEWS...!!

*FX: HWRRLLL

OH, WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A TRASH CHUTE.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
NEITHER OF YOU SHOW YOUR FACES.
I KNOW YOU'RE IN A HURRY...
...BUT IF YOU CAUSE A SCENE NOW, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE *ANYONE.*
ELAINE ... CASCA, THAT IS.
LEAVE HER TO ME.

*FX: KONK

*FX: HNN

*FX: CLAPA

EH? HAVEN'T SEEN YOU LATELY.
I BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS.
COULD I ASK YOU TO GO GET SOMEONE FOR ME?
JEROME, OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS ...
OHO! FOR SO MUCH...
HN ?
DID SOMETHING JUST PASS BY?
AHA...
AHAHAHA...
IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION.
OH YEAH?
ME TOO, ME TOO.
*GRIND

THIS ANXIETY'S GETTING STRONGER!!
CASCA!!

WHA--?
WHAT IN...?
TH... THEY'RE HERE!
うおおおおお
*UOHHHH
ズル…
ZHLMM

A-ARE THOSE--?!
STAY BACK, PLEASE!
*FX: PLOP
?!
BLOOD ...?!
*FX: ZZZMMMM
ズ ズ ズ
*FX: BLORP
ドロ…
*FX: GOP GOP
ゴポ ゴポ
IGH!
AGGHHH!
*ZZMMMM

OUCH..
HUNGRYYY
COLD...
M-MONSTERS!!
WHAT ARE THEY...?!
HYAHHH
ドプ..
*FX DOLP
ボジュウウウ...
*BULSSSSH
WHA--?!
ブルーン...
*FX: TREMBLE

TH- THESE THINGS DEVOUR PEOPLE!!
WAHHH!!
W-WAIT !!
*FX: AIIEEE
DON'T LEAVE ME...!!
*ZALP
*FX: WAHHH WAHHH
QUICKLY, LADY FARNESE!!
W-WAIT ...!!
FATHER MOZGUS ...!!

FATHER MOZGUS, IT IS DANGEROUS HERE!!
HRRRNN... IMPUDENT WITCH!!
*FLING
GAHHH!!
THE MAIN ENTRANCE IS NO USE!! LET US ESCAPE TO THE CHAPEL!!
*FX: ZZZMMM
SACRIFICE.
OO... AH...
SACRIFICE.
SACRIFICE.
*ZOMMM
OO... GHEEEE...
CAS--!
*FX: SHUDDER
YEE!
*GOOP

ゴゴゴ
*BROMM
ゴゴゴ
N...
NO...!!

ガチャ
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING?!
VICE-COMMANDER.
....
ANYWAY, TO HIGHER GROUND!
I WILL EXPLAIN AFTERWARDS!

*FX: WAHHH WAHHH WAHHH

*FX: GCHAK

*FX: WAHHH WAHHH WAHHH

Y-YOU ...!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?!
WHERE'S MY COMPANION?

*FX: GASHANNNG

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: SWIP

ANSWER.
*CLAK CLAK
COMPANION...?
Y-YOU MEAN TH-THAT WITCH?
SO YOU ARE FOLLOWING HER...
*FX: CHOK
DE UDDERGROUD TORCHA CHAMBA...
TORTURE CHAMBER...
*FX: AUU
I-IT'S POINTLESS TO GO NOW...
WHAT?
IT'S... TH-THE BASEMENT...
...OVER...
...OVER-FLOWING WITH THAT...

WOULD YOU JUST SAY IT?!
I-I DON'T KNOW!!
IT SHOULDN'T EXIST...
THOSE THINGS CAN'T EXIST...
... ... !!
TCH!
THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO THE TORTURE CHAMBER, RIGHT?
SHOW ME.
N-NO!!
WHO'D WANT GO NEAR *THAT* AGAIN...?!
*FX: CRASH
*FX WAHHH WAHHH WAHHH

*FX: CRUMBLE CRUMBLE

SORRY, BUT *MOVE* YOUR *ASS.*
I'M ABOUT TO *BREAK.*
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BLOOD FLOW OF THE DEAD
PART 2

OO...
OO...
I'M NO GOOD...
I REALLY AM A NO-GOOD PERSON.
I COULDN'T BEAR THE NAIL ON ONE FINGER.
ONE MORE NIGHT...
...THEN...

THANKS TO ME, RIGHT NOW ELAINE IS...
YET STILL...
...EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
...I'M ONLY WORRIED ABOUT MYSELF.
...IT HURTS.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
HUH?
GET OUT!
GET OUUUT!
HURRY, IT'S ALREADY COMING!
UP! ESCAPE UPWARDS!
THE PRISONERS?
JUST LEAVE THEM!
WHAT...?

*FX: WAHHH WAHHH

*FX: WAHHH WAHHH

E-EXCUSE ME!
HAS...
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?!
HEL--
MONSTERS... THE MONSTERS ARE COMING ...
...
UNDERGROUND...? FROM THE TORTURE CHAMBER ...?
WHA--?
WHAT?
!

*FX: WAHHH WAHHH

*FX: WAHHH

*FX: WHAM WHAM

*FX: (silence)

*FX: ZHFF ZHFF ZZZZ

*FX: ZHFF

*FX: ZZZZ

NO...
IT KEEPS GETTING LOUDER... IT'S COMING CLOSER!!
SOME-BODY...
*FX: ZZZZZ
SOME-BODYYY!
*GCHAK
PLEASE, OPEN UP!!
JAILERRR!!
*FX: WHAM WHAM
*FX: GREE
EEEK!
*FX: ZHAF ZHAF
!
IGH...

FOUND YOU...
YO, GIRLY. YOU'RE ALIVE.
LUCA...
LUCAAAA!!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
SAVE THE MUSHY STUFF FOR LATER.
SOMETHING'S REALLY WEIRD HERE.
THE ENTIRE TOWER'S LIKE A BEEHIVE SOMEONE SMACKED.
IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAPPENED DOWN IN THE TORTURE CHAMBER...BUT I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS.

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
OPEN UP!!
*GCHAK
LET ME OUT...
WELL, THANKS TO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET THIS FAR...
A PLAN-- DIVERSIONARY TACTICS.
R-RUN!
WE'LL USE THEM AS DECOYS WHILE WE ESCAPE.
YOU KNOW...
...I MIGHT NOT LOOK THE PART, BUT I AM A HERETIC HUNTER.
SAY WHAT? YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE NOW, MAN.
IF YOU TURN ON US, I'LL TELL 'EM ALL SORTS OF STUFF ABOUT YOU.
DAMN KID...
I'M SORRY TO WRAP YOU UP IN THIS, JEROME.
GO NUTS.
*FX: WAHHH
LOOKS LIKE...
*WAHHH
...I'VE REALLY LOST MY EDGE.
*WAHHH
BUT, OH WELL...
IT'S A ROTTEN DUTY ANYWAY. NOW MY MIND'S MADE UP.

MAYBE GOING WRONG FOR THE SAKE OF A WOMAN...
...IS MORE IN CHARACTER FOR A LIBERTINE LIKE ME.
JEROME...
I REALLY DID GET HIM WRONG...
ALL RIGHT! THAT SAID, IT'S GOODBYE TO ALBION.
WAIT A MINUTE.
NINA.
I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S ONE MORE.
*FX: FLINCH
YEAH, YEAH.
SHE'S MY MONEY RIDER.
WHERE'S CAS--ELAINE?

ELAINE'S IN THE TORTURE CHAMBER...
...BUT RIGHT NOW THE BASEMENT'S...
I...
...DON'T...
SHE'S PROBABLY IN THE BASEMENT. LET'S GO NOW WHILE IT'S CLEAR.
THIS WAY...
*ZZ
WHA--?
WHAT THE...?

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: ZZMM

*FX: ZZ

ゴオ オ。。オ。。。オオ。。。
THE PLACE IS EMPTY.
THIS SMELL IS PUTRID... IT SMELLS LIKE BLOOD...
BUT THE WHOLE ROOM WAS FLOODING ...

*FX: WHANG

*FX: HNNNNNN

*FX: SNAKT

IT...
IT DID THIS!
......
CASCA ...!!
......
HEY.

*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: TUNK

WHAT'RE *YOU* DOING?
DONNIN' HEAVY ARMOR TO MOW DOWN THE ENEMY...
I SNUCK IN HERE SO I COULD RESCUE *CASCA.*
BUT THEN *THEY* SHOWED UP AND DYED THE WHOLE ROOM...
WHAT ABOUT HER...
WHAT ABOUT CASCA?!
CAS...
CASCA WAS...
...SWALLOWED UP BY THEM.
AH, BUT SOMETHIN'S WEIRD!
THE OTHER HUMANS WERE INSTANTLY DISSOLVED...
...BUT CASCA WASN'T!
AND THOUGH SHE WAS SWALLOWED, HER PRESENCE *NEVER* VANISHED.

SHE'S SAFE, PROBABLY ...
UH-UH, DEFINITELY!!
WHAT IS THIS GUY DOING...?
MUMBLING TO HIMSELF...
THEN WHERE DID SHE GO?!
HMM... IT'S LIKE THEY CAME OUTTA EVERYWHERE, BUT THERE WAS ONE BIG SPIRIT, SO I THINK SHE'S IN THAT.
...!!
WHA...?
WHAT IS THAT...?!
THIS WAY.

*FX: ZSSHA

*FX: SHANG

*FX: FLINCH

NO, WAIT...
I REMEMBER THAT...
WHERE... WHERE DID I...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS THEN...
HEY.
YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT.
JUST DON'T GET IN MY WAY...
...OR I'LL KILL YOU.
W-WAIT...

*FX: FLAP

....
W...
WAIT...
...FOR ME.

*FX: SNAP

*FX: ZZM

*FX: ZZZM

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: MGHOOO

*FX: GEEE

*FX: SHUDDER

*HRRN
*HRRN
*KISH
*KISH
PLEASE STEP BACK!!
THE DOOR WILL NOT HOLD!
WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR FAITH TO BE TESTED.
OUR MOUTHS SHALL NOT CALL OUT FOR GOD TO SAVE US.
KNSH
KNSH
KRAK
KRAK
FAITH DEMANDS OUR ALL.
OHHHH
I DEVOTE MYSELF GLADLY TO THIS TRIAL.
REPENT, THOU DEAD!!!

IT IS THROUGH DEATH THAT WE ESPY FAITH!!!

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
BLOOD FLOW OF THE DEAD (2): END

STOP

This is the back of the book!

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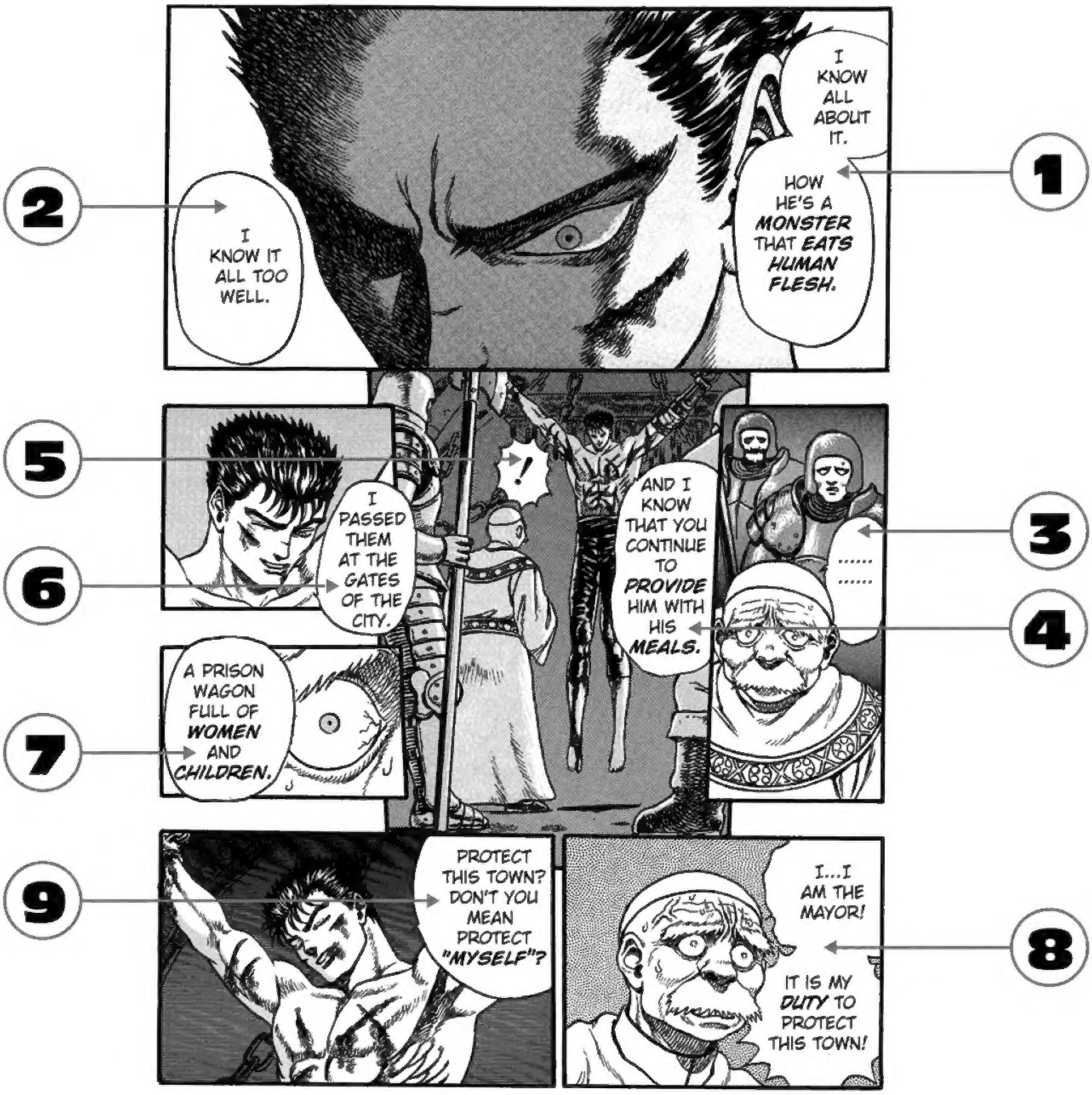
1
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
3
......
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4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
!
6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

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BERSERK

KENTARO MIURA

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ベルセルク

三浦建太郎

The bewildered and near-mad Casca, former captain of the Band of the Hawk—and former lover of Guts, the Black Swordsman—has been adopted by Midland's pagan cults as a witch because of her demonic Mark of Sacrifice. The Holy Iron Chain Knights' campaign to rid the kingdom of heretics by any means necessary puts Casca in mortal danger, and Guts is having none of it, but all parties involved may end up with more than they bargained for as demonic spirits, drawn to Casca's brand, begin to possess the heretics and unleash the forces of Hell. But Hell hath no fury like the Black Swordsman!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a crushing manga jackhammer, a bone-splintering epic of extreme action, excrutiating horror, and excessive humor that sets its fanatic followers afire and puts its detractors in their place—six feet under!

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